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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Health Care
5 Facilities Capital Improvement Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2012 MAJOR MED-**
2 **ICAL FACILITY PROJECTS.**

3 The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may carry out the
4 following major medical facility projects in fiscal year
5 2012, with each project to be carried out in the amount
6 specified for each project:

7 (1) Construction of seismic corrections for
8 Building 100 at the Department of Veterans Affairs
9 Medical Center in Seattle, Washington, in an
10 amount not to exceed \$51,800,000.

11 (2) Construction of seismic corrections and ren-
12 ovation of various buildings to include Building 209
13 for housing facilities for homeless veterans at the
14 Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in
15 West Los Angeles, California, in an amount not to
16 exceed \$35,500,000.

17 **SEC. 3. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORIZATION FOR CERTAIN**
18 **MAJOR MEDICAL FACILITY CONSTRUCTION**
19 **PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED.**

20 (a) MODIFICATION OF AUTHORIZATION OF FISCAL
21 YEAR 2007 MAJOR MEDICAL FACILITY PROJECT AT DE-
22 PARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER IN
23 FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS.—Section 803(3) of the Vet-
24 erans Benefits, Health Care, and Information Technology
25 Act of 2006 (Public Law 109–461) is amended—

1 (1) by inserting “and a parking garage” after
2 “clinical addition”; and

3 (2) by striking “\$56,163,000” and inserting
4 “\$90,600,000”.

5 (b) MODIFICATION OF EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZA-
6 TION FOR MAJOR MEDICAL FACILITY CONSTRUCTION
7 PROJECT IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA, PREVIOUSLY AUTHOR-
8 IZED IN CONNECTION WITH CAPITAL ASSET REALIGN-
9 MENT INITIATIVE.—Section 802(11) of the Veterans Ben-
10 efits, Health Care, and Information Technology Act of
11 2006 (Public Law 109–461), as amended by section
12 702(b)(4) of the Veterans’ Mental Health and Other Care
13 Improvements Act of 2008 (Public Law 110–387; 122
14 Stat. 4137), is amended by inserting “, including a Sim-
15 ulation, Learning, Education, and Research Network Cen-
16 ter,” after “Florida, area”.

17 (c) INCREASE IN AMOUNT OF AUTHORIZATION OF
18 FISCAL YEAR 2008 MAJOR MEDICAL FACILITY PROJECT
19 AT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CEN-
20 TER IN PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA.—The Secretary of Vet-
21 erans Affairs may carry out the major medical facility
22 project at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical
23 Center in Palo Alto, California, for which amounts were
24 appropriated under chapter 3 of title I of the Supple-
25 mental Appropriations Act, 2008 (Public Law 110–252;

1 122 Stat. 2326) under the heading “CONSTRUCTION,
2 MAJOR PROJECTS” under the heading “DEPARTMENT
3 OF VETERANS AFFAIRS” in an amount not to exceed
4 \$716,600,000.

5 (d) INCREASE IN AMOUNT OF AUTHORIZATION OF
6 FISCAL YEAR 2009 MAJOR MEDICAL FACILITY PROJECT
7 AT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CEN-
8 TER, SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO.—Section 701(3) of the
9 Veterans’ Mental Health and Other Care Improvements
10 Act of 2008 (Public Law 110–387; 122 Stat. 4137) is
11 amended by striking “\$225,900,000” and inserting
12 “\$277,000,000”.

13 (e) INCREASE IN AMOUNT OF AUTHORIZATION OF
14 FISCAL YEAR 2007 MAJOR MEDICAL FACILITY PROJECT
15 AT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CEN-
16 TER, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.—Section 803(5) of the Vet-
17 erans Benefits, Health Care, and Information Technology
18 Act of 2006 (Public Law 109–461) is amended by striking
19 “\$69,053,000” and inserting “\$346,300,000”.

20 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2012 MAJOR MED-**
21 **ICAL FACILITY LEASES.**

22 The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may carry out the
23 following fiscal year 2012 major medical facility leases at
24 the locations specified, in an amount not to exceed the
25 amount shown for that location:

1 (1) Columbus, Georgia, Community-Based Out-
2 patient Clinic, in an amount not to exceed
3 \$5,335,000.

4 (2) Fort Wayne, Indiana, Outpatient Clinic, in
5 an amount not to exceed \$2,845,000.

6 (3) Mobile, Alabama, Outpatient Clinic, in an
7 amount not to exceed \$6,565,000.

8 (4) Rochester, New York, Outpatient Clinic, in
9 an amount not to exceed \$9,232,000.

10 (5) Salem, Oregon, Community-Based Out-
11 patient Clinic, in an amount not to exceed
12 \$2,549,000.

13 (6) San Jose, California, Outpatient Clinic, in
14 an amount not to exceed \$9,546,000.

15 (7) South Bend, Indiana, Outpatient Clinic, in
16 an amount not to exceed \$6,731,000.

17 (8) Springfield, Missouri, Community-Based
18 Outpatient Clinic, in an amount not to exceed
19 \$6,489,000.

20 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

21 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR CON-
22 STRUCTION.—There is authorized to be appropriated to
23 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2012 or
24 the year in which funds are appropriated for the Construc-

1 tion, Major Projects account \$87,300,000 for the projects
2 authorized in section 2.

3 (b) MODIFICATION OF AUTHORIZATION FOR CER-
4 TAIN MAJOR MEDICAL FACILITY CONSTRUCTION
5 PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED.—There is author-
6 ized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Veterans Af-
7 fairs for fiscal year 2012 or the year in which funds are
8 appropriated for the Construction, Major Projects account
9 \$850,070,000 for the projects authorized in section 3.

10 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR MED-
11 ICAL FACILITY LEASES.—There is authorized to be appro-
12 priated to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year
13 2012 or the year in which funds are appropriated for the
14 Medical Facilities account \$49,292,000 for the leases au-
15 thorized in section 4.

16 (d) LIMITATION.—The projects authorized in sections
17 2, 3, and 4 may only be carried out using—

18 (1) funds appropriated for fiscal year 2012 pur-
19 suant to the authorization of appropriations in sub-
20 section (a) of this section;

21 (2) funds available for Construction, Major
22 Projects, for a fiscal year before fiscal year 2012
23 that remain available for obligation;

1 (3) funds available for Construction, Major
2 Projects, for a fiscal year after fiscal year 2012 that
3 remain available for obligation;

4 (4) funds appropriated for Construction, Major
5 Projects, for fiscal year 2012 for a category of activ-
6 ity not specific to a project;

7 (5) funds appropriated for Construction, Major
8 Projects, for a fiscal year before 2012 for a category
9 of activity not specific to a project; and

10 (6) funds appropriated for Construction, Major
11 Projects, for a fiscal year after 2012 for a category
12 of activity not specific to a project.

13 **SEC. 6. MODIFICATION OF REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO**
14 **CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF CERTAIN**
15 **MEDICAL FACILITY ACQUISITIONS.**

16 Section 8104 of title 38, United States Code, is
17 amended—

18 (1) in subsection (b)—

19 (A) in paragraph (1)—

20 (i) by striking “detailed description”
21 and inserting “detailed estimate of the
22 total costs”;

23 (ii) by striking “a description of the
24 consideration” and inserting “a detailed
25 report of the consideration”; and

1 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
2 lowing: “Such detailed estimate shall in-
3 clude an identification of each of the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(A) Total construction costs.

6 “(B) Activation costs.

7 “(C) Special purpose alterations (lump-
8 sum payment) costs.

9 “(D) Number of personnel.

10 “(E) Total costs of ancillary services,
11 equipment, and all other items.”;

12 (B) by striking paragraphs (2) and (3) and
13 redesignating paragraphs (4) through (8) as
14 paragraphs (2) through (6), respectively;

15 (C) in paragraph (2), as so redesignated,
16 by striking “a five-year period and a ten-year
17 period” and inserting “a five-year period, a ten-
18 year period, and a twenty-year period”;

19 (D) in paragraph (3), as so redesignated,
20 by inserting before the period at the end the
21 following: “, including information on projected
22 changes in workload and utilization over a five-
23 year period, a ten-year period, and a twenty-
24 year period”;

25 (E) in paragraph (4), as so redesignated—

- 1 (i) by striking “Current and pro-
2 jected” and inserting “Projected”; and
- 3 (ii) by inserting before the period at
4 the end the following: “(including and
5 identifying both recurring and non-recur-
6 ring costs (including activation costs and
7 total costs of ancillary services, equipment
8 and all other items)) over a five-year pe-
9 riod, a ten-year period, and a twenty-year
10 period”; and
- 11 (F) in paragraph (6), as so redesignated—
- 12 (i) by striking “a description of each
13 alternative to construction of the facility
14 that was considered” and inserting “each
15 of the following”; and
- 16 (ii) by adding at the end the following
17 new subparagraphs:
- 18 “(A) A detailed estimate of the total costs
19 (including total construction costs, activation
20 costs, special purpose alterations (lump-sum
21 payment) costs, number of personnel and total
22 costs of ancillary services, equipment and all
23 other items) for each alternative to construction
24 of the facility that was considered.

1 “(B) A comparison of total costs to total
2 benefits for each such alternative.

3 “(C) An explanation of why the preferred
4 alternative is the most effective means to
5 achieve the stated project goals and the most
6 cost-effective alternative.”; and

7 (2) in subsection (d)—

8 (A) by striking “major medical facility
9 project” each place it appears and inserting
10 “major construction project”; and

11 (B) in paragraph—

12 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
13 “major medical facility projects” and in-
14 serting “major construction projects”; and

15 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
16 “major medical facility” and inserting
17 “major construction project”.

18 **SEC. 7. NAME OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

19 **TELEHEALTH CLINIC, CRAIG, COLORADO.**

20 The Department of Veterans Affairs telehealth clinic
21 in Craig, Colorado, shall after the date of the enactment
22 of this Act be known and designated as the “Major Wil-
23 liam Edward Adams Department of Veterans Affairs Clin-
24 ic”. Any reference to such clinic in any law, regulation,
25 map, document, record, or other paper of the United

1 States shall be considered to be a reference to the “Major
2 William Edward Adams Department of Veterans Affairs
3 Clinic”.

4 **SEC. 8. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN EXPIRING AUTHORITIES.**

5 (a) RECOVERY AUDITS FOR CERTAIN CONTRACTS.—
6 Section 1703(d)(4) of title 38, United States Code, is
7 amended by striking “September 30, 2013” and inserting
8 “September 30, 2020”.

9 (b) TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION FOR SERI-
10 OUSLY MENTALLY ILL AND HOMELESS VETERANS.—Sec-
11 tion 2031(b) of such title is amended by striking “Decem-
12 ber 31, 2011” and inserting “December 31, 2018”.

13 (c) ADDITIONAL SERVICES FOR SERIOUSLY MEN-
14 TALLY ILL AND HOMELESS VETERANS.—Section 2033(d)
15 of such title is amended by striking “December 31, 2011”
16 and inserting “December 31, 2018”.

17 (d) HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR HOMELESS VET-
18 ERANS.—Section 2041(c) of such title is amended by
19 striking “December 31, 2011” and inserting “December
20 31, 2018”.

21 (e) ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HOMELESS VET-
22 ERANS.—Section 2066(d) of such title is amended by
23 striking “December 30, 2011” and inserting “December
24 31, 2018”.

1 (f) AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER REAL PROPERTY.—
2 Section 8118(a)(5) of such title is amended by striking
3 “the date that is seven years after the date of the enact-
4 ment of this section” and inserting “December 31, 2018”.

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