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# H. R. 4004

To authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into enhanced-use leases for certain buildings of the Department of Veterans Affairs at the West Los Angeles Medical Center, California.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 5, 2014

Mr. WAXMAN (for himself, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, and Mr. SCHIFF) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## 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. AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO ENHANCED-USE**  
4                       **LEASES FOR CERTAIN BUILDINGS OF THE**  
5                       **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AT THE**  
6                       **WEST LOS ANGELES MEDICAL CENTER, CALI-**  
7                       **FORNIA.**

8       (a) AUTHORITY.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by sub-  
2           section (b), in accordance with subchapter V of  
3           chapter 81 of title 38, United States Code, the Sec-  
4           retary of Veterans Affairs may enter into an en-  
5           hanced-use lease for a covered building for the provi-  
6           sion of long-term therapeutic housing for covered  
7           veterans.

8           (2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The authority  
9           provided by paragraph (1) is a specific authorization  
10          for purposes of section 8162(c) of such title.

11          (b) PROHIBITION ON DISPOSITION OF LEASED PROP-  
12          ERTY.—

13           (1) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with section  
14          224(a) of the Military Construction and Veterans  
15          Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act,  
16          2008 (division I of Public Law 110–161; 121 Stat.  
17          2272), section 8164 of title 38, United States Code,  
18          shall not apply to a covered building.

19           (2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this  
20          section shall be construed to affect the prohibition  
21          under such section 224(a) on the disposal of a cov-  
22          ered building.

23          (c) BIENNIAL REVIEW AND REPORT.—

24           (1) REVIEW REQUIRED.—Not less than once  
25          during each two-year period in which an enhanced-

1 use lease is in effect under subsection (a), the Sec-  
2 retary of Veterans Affairs shall conduct a review of  
3 such lease, including by assessing the party that is  
4 entered into such lease and determining whether  
5 such lease should continue.

6 (2) REPORT REQUIRED.—During each two-year  
7 period in which an enhanced-use lease is in effect  
8 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to  
9 Congress a report on the review conducted under  
10 paragraph (1).

11 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) COVERED BUILDING.—The term “covered  
13 building” means any of the following buildings lo-  
14 cated at the West Los Angeles Medical Center, Cali-  
15 fornia:

16 (A) Building 205.

17 (B) Building 208.

18 (2) COVERED VETERAN.—The term “covered  
19 veteran” means a veteran who is—

20 (A) homeless; and

21 (B) with respect to housing, requires as-  
22 sisted living or other similar form of care.

23 (3) ENHANCED-USE LEASE.—The term “en-  
24 hanced-use lease” has the meaning given that term  
25 in section 8161 of title 38, United States Code.

1           (4) LONG-TERM THERAPEUTIC HOUSING.—The  
2           term “long-term therapeutic housing” means sup-  
3           portive housing consisting of clinically supportive liv-  
4           ing facilities that provide housing to a homeless vet-  
5           eran for a period that is sufficient for the veteran  
6           to achieve stability and require a lower level of care  
7           than is provided at such facilities.

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