In the Senate of the United States,
November 10, 2015.

Resolved, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 2029) entitled “An Act making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.”, do pass with the following

AMENDMENT:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 That the following sums are appropriated, out of any
2 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for
3 military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs,
4 and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September
5 30, 2016, and for other purposes, namely:
TITLE I
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY

For acquisition, construction, installation, and equipment of temporary or permanent public works, military installations, facilities, and real property for the Army as currently authorized by law, including personnel in the Army Corps of Engineers and other personal services necessary for the purposes of this appropriation, and for construction and operation of facilities in support of the functions of the Commander in Chief, $663,245,000, to remain available until September 30, 2020: Provided, That, of this amount, not to exceed $109,245,000 shall be available for study, planning, design, architect and engineer services, and host nation support, as authorized by law, unless the Secretary of the Army determines that additional obligations are necessary for such purposes and notifies the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the determination and the reasons therefor.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

For acquisition, construction, installation, and equipment of temporary or permanent public works, naval installations, facilities, and real property for the Navy and Marine Corps as currently authorized by law, including personnel in the Naval Facilities Engineering Command
and other personal services necessary for the purposes of this appropriation, $1,619,699,000, to remain available until September 30, 2020: Provided, That, of this amount, not to exceed $91,649,000 shall be available for study, planning, design, and architect and engineer services, as authorized by law, unless the Secretary of the Navy determines that additional obligations are necessary for such purposes and notifies the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the determination and the reasons therefor.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

For acquisition, construction, installation, and equipment of temporary or permanent public works, military installations, facilities, and real property for the Air Force as currently authorized by law, $1,389,185,000, to remain available until September 30, 2020: Provided, That, of this amount, not to exceed $89,164,000 shall be available for study, planning, design, and architect and engineer services, as authorized by law, unless the Secretary of Air Force determines that additional obligations are necessary for such purposes and notifies the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the determination and the reasons therefor.
MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, DEFENSE-WIDE

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For acquisition, construction, installation, and equipment of temporary or permanent public works, installations, facilities, and real property for activities and agencies of the Department of Defense (other than the military departments), as currently authorized by law, $2,290,767,000, to remain available until September 30, 2020: Provided, That such amounts of this appropriation as may be determined by the Secretary of Defense may be transferred to such appropriations of the Department of Defense available for military construction or family housing as the Secretary may designate, to be merged with and to be available for the same purposes, and for the same time period, as the appropriation or fund to which transferred: Provided further, That, of the amount appropriated, not to exceed $160,404,000 shall be available for study, planning, design, and architect and engineer services, as authorized by law, unless the Secretary of Defense determines that additional obligations are necessary for such purposes and notifies the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the determination and the reasons therefor.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilitation, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-
ministration of the Army National Guard, and contribu-
tions therefor, as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10,
United States Code, and Military Construction Authoriza-
tion Acts, $197,237,000, to remain available until Sep-
tember 30, 2020: Provided, That, of the amount appro-
priated, not to exceed $20,337,000 shall be available for
study, planning, design, and architect and engineer serv-
ices, as authorized by law, unless the Director of the Army
National Guard determines that additional obligations are
necessary for such purposes and notifies the Committees on
Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the determina-
tion and the reasons therefor.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR NATIONAL GUARD

For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-
tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-
ministration of the Air National Guard, and contributions
therefor, as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10, United
States Code, and Military Construction Authorization Acts,
$138,738,000, to remain available until September 30,
2020: Provided, That, of the amount appropriated, not to
exceed $5,104,000 shall be available for study, planning, de-
sign, and architect and engineer services, as authorized by
law, unless the Director of the Air National Guard deter-
mines that additional obligations are necessary for such
purposes and notifies the Committees on Appropriations of
both Houses of Congress of the determination and the reasons therefor.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY RESERVE

For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilitation, and conversion of facilities for the training and administration of the Army Reserve as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10, United States Code, and Military Construction Authorization Acts, $113,595,000, to remain available until September 30, 2020: Provided, That, of the amount appropriated, not to exceed $9,318,000 shall be available for study, planning, design, and architect and engineer services, as authorized by law, unless the Chief of the Army Reserve determines that additional obligations are necessary for such purposes and notifies the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the determination and the reasons therefor.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY RESERVE

For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilitation, and conversion of facilities for the training and administration of the reserve components of the Navy and Marine Corps as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10, United States Code, and Military Construction Authorization Acts, $36,078,000, to remain available until September 30, 2020: Provided, That, of the amount appropriated, not to exceed $2,208,000 shall be available for study, planning, design,
and architect and engineer services, as authorized by law,
unless the Secretary of the Navy determines that additional
obligations are necessary for such purposes and notifies the
Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress
of the determination and the reasons therefor.

**Military Construction, Air Force Reserve**

For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilitation,
and conversion of facilities for the training and administra-
tion of the Air Force Reserve as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10, United States Code, and Military
Construction Authorization Acts, $65,021,000, to remain
available until September 30, 2020: Provided, That, of the
amount appropriated, not to exceed $13,400,000 shall be
available for study, planning, design, and architect and en-
gineer services, as authorized by law, unless the Chief of
the Air Force Reserve determines that additional obliga-
tions are necessary for such purposes and notifies the Com-
mittees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the
determination and the reasons therefor.

**North Atlantic Treaty Organization**

**Security Investment Program**

For the United States share of the cost of the North
Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Pro-
gram for the acquisition and construction of military facili-
ties and installations (including international military
headquarters) and for related expenses for the collective de-
defense of the North Atlantic Treaty Area as authorized by
section 2806 of title 10, United States Code, and Military
Construction Authorization Acts, $120,000,000, to remain
available until expended.

FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, ARMY

For expenses of family housing for the Army for con-
struction, including acquisition, replacement, addition, ex-
pansion, extension, and alteration, as authorized by law,
$99,695,000, to remain available until September 30, 2020.

FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY

For expenses of family housing for the Army for oper-
ation and maintenance, including debt payment, leasing,
minor construction, principal and interest charges, and in-
surance premiums, as authorized by law, $393,511,000.

FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE

Corps

For expenses of family housing for the Navy and Ma-
rine Corps for construction, including acquisition, replace-
ment, addition, expansion, extension, and alteration, as au-
thorized by law, $16,541,000, to remain available until
For expenses of family housing for the Navy and Marine Corps for operation and maintenance, including debt payment, leasing, minor construction, principal and interest charges, and insurance premiums, as authorized by law, $353,036,000.

For expenses of family housing for the Air Force for construction, including acquisition, replacement, addition, expansion, extension, and alteration, as authorized by law, $160,498,000, to remain available until September 30, 2020.

For expenses of family housing for the Air Force for operation and maintenance, including debt payment, leasing, minor construction, principal and interest charges, and insurance premiums, as authorized by law, $331,232,000.

For expenses of family housing for the activities and agencies of the Department of Defense (other than the mili-
tary departments) for operation and maintenance, leasing, and minor construction, as authorized by law, $58,668,000.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE ACCOUNT

For deposit into the Department of Defense Base Closure Account 1990, established by section 2906(a) of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (10 U.S.C. 2687 note), $251,334,000, to remain available until expended.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

SEC. 101. None of the funds made available in this title shall be expended for payments under a cost-plus-a-fixed-fee contract for construction, where cost estimates exceed $25,000, to be performed within the United States, except Alaska, without the specific approval in writing of the Secretary of Defense setting forth the reasons therefor.

SEC. 102. Funds made available in this title for construction shall be available for hire of passenger motor vehicles.

SEC. 103. Funds made available in this title for construction may be used for advances to the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, for the construction of access roads as authorized by section 210 of title 23, United States Code, when projects authorized therein are certified as important to the national defense by the Secretary of Defense.
SEC. 104. None of the funds made available in this title may be used to begin construction of new bases in the United States for which specific appropriations have not been made.

SEC. 105. None of the funds made available in this title shall be used for purchase of land or land easements in excess of 100 percent of the value as determined by the Army Corps of Engineers or the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, except: (1) where there is a determination of value by a Federal court; (2) purchases negotiated by the Attorney General or the designee of the Attorney General; (3) where the estimated value is less than $25,000; or (4) as otherwise determined by the Secretary of Defense to be in the public interest.

SEC. 106. None of the funds made available in this title shall be used to: (1) acquire land; (2) provide for site preparation; or (3) install utilities for any family housing, except housing for which funds have been made available in annual Acts making appropriations for military construction.

SEC. 107. None of the funds made available in this title for minor construction may be used to transfer or relocate any activity from one base or installation to another, without prior notification to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.
SEC. 108. None of the funds made available in this title may be used for the procurement of steel for any construction project or activity for which American steel producers, fabricators, and manufacturers have been denied the opportunity to compete for such steel procurement.

SEC. 109. None of the funds available to the Department of Defense for military construction or family housing during the current fiscal year may be used to pay real property taxes in any foreign nation.

SEC. 110. None of the funds made available in this title may be used to initiate a new installation overseas without prior notification to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

SEC. 111. None of the funds made available in this title may be obligated for architect and engineer contracts estimated by the Government to exceed $500,000 for projects to be accomplished in Japan, in any North Atlantic Treaty Organization member country, or in countries bordering the Arabian Gulf, unless such contracts are awarded to United States firms or United States firms in joint venture with host nation firms.

SEC. 112. None of the funds made available in this title for military construction in the United States territories and possessions in the Pacific and on Kwajalein Atoll, or in countries bordering the Arabian Gulf, may be
used to award any contract estimated by the Government
to exceed $1,000,000 to a foreign contractor: Provided, That
this section shall not be applicable to contract awards for
which the lowest responsive and responsible bid of a United
States contractor exceeds the lowest responsive and respon-
sible bid of a foreign contractor by greater than 20 percent:
Provided further, That this section shall not apply to con-
tract awards for military construction on Kwajalein Atoll
for which the lowest responsive and responsible bid is sub-
mitted by a Marshallese contractor.

SEC. 113. The Secretary of Defense shall inform the
appropriate committees of both Houses of Congress, includ-
ing the Committees on Appropriations, of plans and scope
of any proposed military exercise involving United States
personnel 30 days prior to its occurring, if amounts ex-
pended for construction, either temporary or permanent,
are anticipated to exceed $100,000.

SEC. 114. Not more than 20 percent of the funds made
available in this title which are limited for obligation dur-
ing the current fiscal year shall be obligated during the last
2 months of the fiscal year.

SEC. 115. Funds appropriated to the Department of
Defense for construction in prior years shall be available
for construction authorized for each such military depart-
ment by the authorizations enacted into law during the cur-
rent session of Congress.

SEC. 116. For military construction or family housing
projects that are being completed with funds otherwise ex-
pired or lapsed for obligation, expired or lapsed funds may
be used to pay the cost of associated supervision, inspection,
overhead, engineering and design on those projects and on
subsequent claims, if any.

SEC. 117. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
any funds made available to a military department or de-
fense agency for the construction of military projects may
be obligated for a military construction project or contract,
or for any portion of such a project or contract, at any
time before the end of the fourth fiscal year after the fiscal
year for which funds for such project were made available,
if the funds obligated for such project: (1) are obligated from
funds available for military construction projects; and (2)
do not exceed the amount appropriated for such project,
plus any amount by which the cost of such project is in-
creased pursuant to law.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 118. Subject to 30 days prior notification, or 14
days for a notification provided in an electronic medium
pursuant to sections 480 and 2883 of title 10, United States
Code, to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses
of Congress, such additional amounts as may be determined by the Secretary of Defense may be transferred to: (1) the Department of Defense Family Housing Improvement Fund from amounts appropriated for construction in “Family Housing” accounts, to be merged with and to be available for the same purposes and for the same period of time as amounts appropriated directly to the Fund; or (2) the Department of Defense Military Unaccompanied Housing Improvement Fund from amounts appropriated for construction of military unaccompanied housing in “Military Construction” accounts, to be merged with and to be available for the same purposes and for the same period of time as amounts appropriated directly to the Fund. Provided, That appropriations made available to the Funds shall be available to cover the costs, as defined in section 502(5) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, of direct loans or loan guarantees issued by the Department of Defense pursuant to the provisions of subchapter IV of chapter 169 of title 10, United States Code, pertaining to alternative means of acquiring and improving military family housing, military unaccompanied housing, and supporting facilities.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 119. In addition to any other transfer authority available to the Department of Defense, amounts may be transferred from the accounts established by sections
2906(a)(1) and 2906A(a)(1) of the Defense Base Closure
and Realignment Act of 1990 (10 U.S.C. 2687 note), to the
fund established by section 1013(d) of the Demonstration
Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 (42
U.S.C. 3374) to pay for expenses associated with the Home-
owners Assistance Program incurred under 42 U.S.C.
3374(a)(1)(A). Any amounts transferred shall be merged
with and be available for the same purposes and for the
same time period as the fund to which transferred.

SEC. 120. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
funds made available in this title for operation and mainte-
nance of family housing shall be the exclusive source of
funds for repair and maintenance of all family housing
units, including general or flag officer quarters: Provided,
That not more than $35,000 per unit may be spent annu-
ally for the maintenance and repair of any general or flag
officer quarters without 30 days prior notification, or 14
days for a notification provided in an electronic medium
pursuant to sections 480 and 2883 of title 10, United States
Code, to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses
of Congress, except that an after-the-fact notification shall
be submitted if the limitation is exceeded solely due to costs
associated with environmental remediation that could not
be reasonably anticipated at the time of the budget submis-
sion: Provided further, That the Under Secretary of Defense
(Comptroller) is to report annually to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress all operation and maintenance expenditures for each individual general or flag officer quarters for the prior fiscal year.

Sec. 121. Amounts contained in the Ford Island Improvement Account established by subsection (h) of section 2814 of title 10, United States Code, are appropriated and shall be available until expended for the purposes specified in subsection (i)(1) of such section or until transferred pursuant to subsection (i)(3) of such section.

(Including Transfer of Funds)

Sec. 122. During the 5-year period after appropriations available in this Act to the Department of Defense for military construction and family housing operation and maintenance and construction have expired for obligation, upon a determination that such appropriations will not be necessary for the liquidation of obligations or for making authorized adjustments to such appropriations for obligations incurred during the period of availability of such appropriations, unobligated balances of such appropriations may be transferred into the appropriation “Foreign Currency Fluctuations, Construction, Defense”, to be merged with and to be available for the same time period and for the same purposes as the appropriation to which transferred.
SEC. 123. Amounts appropriated or otherwise made available in an account funded under the headings in this title may be transferred among projects and activities within the account in accordance with the reprogramming guidelines for military construction and family housing construction contained in Department of Defense Financial Management Regulation 7000.14–R, Volume 3, Chapter 7, of February 2009, as in effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 124. None of the funds made available in this title may be obligated or expended for planning and design and construction of projects at Arlington National Cemetery.

SEC. 125. For an additional amount for “Military Construction, Army”, $34,500,000, to remain available until September 30, 2020: Provided, That such funds may only be obligated to carry out construction projects, in priority order, identified in the Department of the Army’s Unfunded Priority List for Fiscal Year 2016 submitted to Congress: Provided further, That such funding is subject to authorization prior to obligation and expenditure of funds to carry out construction: Provided further, That, not later than 30 days after enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Army shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations
of both Houses of Congress an expenditure plan for funds provided under this section.

SEC. 126. For an additional amount for “Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps”, $34,320,000, to remain available until September 30, 2020: Provided, That such funds may only be obligated to carry out construction projects, in priority order, identified in the Department of the Navy’s Unfunded Priority List for fiscal year 2016: Provided further, That such funding is subject to authorization prior to obligation and expenditure of funds to carry out construction: Provided further, That, not later than 30 days after enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Navy shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress an expenditure plan for funds provided under this section.

SEC. 127. For an additional amount for “Military Construction, Army National Guard”, $51,300,000, to remain available until September 30, 2020: Provided, That such funds may only be obligated to carry out construction projects, in priority order, identified in the Department of the Army’s Unfunded Priority List for Fiscal Year 2016 submitted to Congress: Provided further, That such funding is subject to authorization prior to obligation and expenditure of funds to carry out construction: Provided further, That, not later than 30 days after enactment of this Act,
the Secretary of the Army shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress an expenditure plan for funds provided under this section.

SEC. 128. For an additional amount for “Military Construction, Army Reserve”, $34,200,000, to remain available until September 30, 2020: Provided, That such funds may only be obligated to carry out construction projects, in priority order, identified in the Department of the Army’s Unfunded Priority List for Fiscal Year 2016 submitted to Congress: Provided further, That such funding is subject to authorization prior to obligation and expenditure of funds to carry out construction: Provided further, That, not later than 30 days after enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Army shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress an expenditure plan for funds provided under this section.

(RESCISIONS OF FUNDS)

SEC. 129. Of the unobligated balances available from prior Appropriations Acts (other than appropriations that were designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement or as being for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985) the following funds are hereby
rescinded from the following accounts and programs in the specified amounts:

“Military Construction, Army”, $45,000,000;

“Military Construction, Air Force”, $46,400,000; and

“Military Construction, Defense-Wide”, $80,500,000.

(RECISSION OF FUNDS)

SEC. 130. Of the unobligated balances made available in prior appropriations Acts for the fund established in section 1013(d) of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 3374), $65,000,000 are hereby rescinded.

SEC. 131. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this or any other Act may be used to consolidate or relocate any element of a United States Air Force Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineer (RED HORSE) outside of the United States until the Secretary of the Air Force (1) completes an analysis and comparison of the cost and infrastructure investment required to consolidate or relocate a RED HORSE squadron outside of the United States versus within the United States; (2) provides to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress (“the Committees”) a report detailing the findings of the cost analysis; and (3) certifies in writing to the Committees that the preferred site for the
consolidation or relocation yields the greatest savings for
the Air Force: Provided, That the term “United States” in
this section does not include any territory or possession of
the United States.

SEC. 132. For an additional amount for “Military
Construction, Air Force”, $21,000,000, to remain available
until September 30, 2020: Provided, That such funds may
only be obligated to carry out construction projects, in pri-
riority order, identified in the Department of the Air Force’s
Unfunded Priority List for Fiscal Year 2016 submitted to
Congress: Provided further, That such funding is subject to
authorization prior to obligation and expenditure of funds
to carry out construction: Provided further, That not later
than 30 days after enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
the Air Force shall submit to the Committees on Appropria-
tions of both Houses of Congress an expenditure plan for
funds provided under this section.

SEC. 133. For an additional amount for “Military
Construction, Air National Guard”, $6,100,000, to remain
available until September 30, 2020: Provided, That such
funds may only be obligated to carry out construction
projects, in priority order, identified in the Department of
the Air Force’s Unfunded Priority List for Fiscal Year 2016
submitted to Congress: Provided further, That such funding
is subject to authorization prior to obligation and expendi-
ture of funds to carry out construction: Provided further, That not later than 30 days after enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Air Force shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress an expenditure plan for funds provided under this section.

SEC. 134. For an additional amount for “Military Construction, Air Force Reserve”, $10,400,000, to remain available until September 30, 2020: Provided, That such funds may only be obligated to carry out construction projects, in priority order, identified in the Department of the Air Force’s Unfunded Priority List for Fiscal Year 2016 submitted to Congress: Provided further, That such funding is subject to authorization prior to obligation and expenditure of funds to carry out construction: Provided further, That not later than 30 days after enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Air Force shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress an expenditure plan for funds provided under this section.

TITLE II

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION

COMPENSATION AND PENSIONS

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For the payment of compensation benefits to or on behalf of veterans and a pilot program for disability examina-
tions as authorized by section 107 and chapters 11, 13, 18, 51, 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United States Code; pension benefits to or on behalf of veterans as authorized by chapters 15, 51, 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United States Code; and burial benefits, the Reinstated Entitlement Program for Survivors, emergency and other officers’ retirement pay, adjusted-service credits and certificates, payment of premiums due on commercial life insurance policies guaranteed under the provisions of title IV of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C. App. 541 et seq.) and for other benefits as authorized by sections 107, 1312, 1977, and 2106, and chapters 23, 51, 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United States Code, $166,271,436,000, to remain available until expended, of which $87,146,761,000 shall become available on October 1, 2016: Provided, That not to exceed $15,562,000 of the amount appropriated for fiscal year 2016 and $16,021,000 of the amount made available for fiscal year 2017 under this heading shall be reimbursed to “General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration”, and “Information Technology Systems” for necessary expenses in implementing the provisions of chapters 51, 53, and 55 of title 38, United States Code, the funding source for which is specifically provided as the “Compensation and Pensions” appropriation: Provided further, That such sums as may be earned on an actual qualifying patient basis,
shall be reimbursed to “Medical Care Collections Fund” to augment the funding of individual medical facilities for nursing home care provided to pensioners as authorized.

READJUSTMENT BENEFITS

For the payment of readjustment and rehabilitation benefits to or on behalf of veterans as authorized by chapters 21, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, 39, 41, 51, 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United States Code, $32,088,826,000, to remain available until expended, of which $16,743,904,000 shall become available on October 1, 2016: Provided, That expenses for rehabilitation program services and assistance which the Secretary is authorized to provide under subsection (a) of section 3104 of title 38, United States Code, other than under paragraphs (1), (2), (5), and (11) of that subsection, shall be charged to this account.

VETERANS INSURANCE AND INDEMNITIES

For military and naval insurance, national service life insurance, servicemen’s indemnities, service-disabled veterans insurance, and veterans mortgage life insurance as authorized by chapters 19 and 21, title 38, United States Code, $169,080,000, to remain available until expended, of which $91,920,000 shall become available on October 1, 2016.
VETERANS HOUSING BENEFIT PROGRAM FUND

For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans, such sums as may be necessary to carry out the program, as authorized by subchapters I through III of chapter 37 of title 38, United States Code: Provided, That such costs, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974: Provided further, That, during fiscal year 2016, within the resources available, not to exceed $500,000 in gross obligations for direct loans are authorized for specially adapted housing loans.

In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs, $164,558,000.

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

For the cost of direct loans, $31,000, as authorized by chapter 31 of title 38, United States Code: Provided, That such costs, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974: Provided further, That funds made available under this heading are available to subsidize gross obligations for the principal amount of direct loans not to exceed $2,952,381.

In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to carry out the direct loan program, $367,000, which may
be paid to the appropriation for “General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration”.

NATIVE AMERICAN VETERAN HOUSING LOAN PROGRAM ACCOUNT

For administrative expenses to carry out the direct loan program authorized by subchapter V of chapter 37 of title 38, United States Code, $1,134,000.

VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION MEDICAL SERVICES

For necessary expenses for furnishing, as authorized by law, inpatient and outpatient care and treatment to beneficiaries of the Department of Veterans Affairs and veterans described in section 1705(a) of title 38, United States Code, including care and treatment in facilities not under the jurisdiction of the Department, and including medical supplies and equipment, bioengineering services, food services, and salaries and expenses of healthcare employees hired under title 38, United States Code, aid to State homes as authorized by section 1741 of title 38, United States Code, assistance and support services for caregivers as authorized by section 1720G of title 38, United States Code, loan repayments authorized by section 604 of the Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2010 (Public Law 111–163; 124 Stat. 1174; 38 U.S.C. 7681 note), and hospital care and medical services authorized by section
1787 of title 38, United States Code; $3,104,197,000, which shall be in addition to funds previously appropriated under this heading that become available on October 1, 2015; and, in addition, $51,673,000,000, plus reimbursements, shall become available on October 1, 2016, and shall remain available until September 30, 2017: Provided, That, of the amount made available on October 1, 2016, under this heading, $1,400,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2018: Provided further, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall establish a priority for the provision of medical treatment for veterans who have service-connected disabilities, lower income, or have special needs: Provided further, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall give priority funding for the provision of basic medical benefits to veterans in enrollment priority groups 1 through 6: Provided further, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs may authorize the dispensing of prescription drugs from Veterans Health Administration facilities to enrolled veterans with privately written prescriptions based on requirements established by the Secretary: Provided further, That the implementation of the program described in the previous proviso shall incur no additional cost to the Department of Veterans Affairs: Provided further, That, of
the amount made available on October 1, 2016, under this heading, not less than $900,000,000 shall be available for highly effective Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) clinical treatments including clinical treatments with modern medications that have significantly higher cure rates than older medications, are easier to prescribe, and have fewer and milder side effects: Provided further, That the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall ensure that amounts appropriated to the Department of Veterans Affairs for medical supplies and equipment are allocated to ensure the provision of gender appropriate prosthetics.

MEDICAL SUPPORT AND COMPLIANCE

For necessary expenses in the administration of the medical, hospital, nursing home, domiciliary, construction, supply, and research activities, as authorized by law; administrative expenses in support of capital policy activities; and administrative and legal expenses of the Department for collecting and recovering amounts owed the Department as authorized under chapter 17 of title 38, United States Code, and the Federal Medical Care Recovery Act (42 U.S.C. 2651 et seq.), $6,524,000,000, plus reimbursements, shall become available on October 1, 2016, and shall remain available until September 30, 2017: Provided, That, of the amount made available on October 1, 2016, under this
heading, $100,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2018.

MEDICAL FACILITIES

For necessary expenses for the maintenance and operation of hospitals, nursing homes, domiciliary facilities, and other necessary facilities of the Veterans Health Administration; for administrative expenses in support of planning, design, project management, real property acquisition and disposition, construction, and renovation of any facility under the jurisdiction or for the use of the Department; for oversight, engineering, and architectural activities not charged to project costs; for repairing, altering, improving, or providing facilities in the several hospitals and homes under the jurisdiction of the Department, not otherwise provided for, either by contract or by the hire of temporary employees and purchase of materials; for leases of facilities; and for laundry services, $5,074,000,000, plus reimbursements, shall become available on October 1, 2016, and shall remain available until September 30, 2017: Provided, That, of the amount made available on October 1, 2016, under this heading, $250,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2018.

MEDICAL AND PROSTHETIC RESEARCH

For necessary expenses in carrying out programs of medical and prosthetic research and development as author-
ized by chapter 73 of title 38, United States Code, $621,813,000, plus reimbursements, shall remain available until September 30, 2017: Provided, That such sums are allocated to ensure the provision of gender appropriate prosthetics and to conduct research related to toxic exposure.

NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION

For necessary expenses of the National Cemetery Administration for operations and maintenance, not otherwise provided for, including uniforms or allowances therefor; cemeterial expenses as authorized by law; purchase of one passenger motor vehicle for use in cemeterial operations; hire of passenger motor vehicles; and repair, alteration or improvement of facilities under the jurisdiction of the National Cemetery Administration, $266,220,000, of which not to exceed $26,600,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2017.

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For necessary operating expenses of the Department of Veterans Affairs, not otherwise provided for, including administrative expenses in support of Department-Wide capital planning, management and policy activities, uniforms, or allowances therefor; not to exceed $25,000 for official re-
ception and representation expenses; hire of passenger
motor vehicles; and reimbursement of the General Services
Administration for security guard services, $311,591,000,
of which not to exceed $10,000,000 shall remain available
until September 30, 2017: Provided, That funds provided
under this heading may be transferred to “General Oper-
ating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration”.

BOARD OF VETERANS APPEALS

For necessary operating expenses of the Board of Vet-
erans Appeals, $107,884,000, of which not to exceed
$10,788,000 shall remain available until September 30,
2017.

GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES, VETERANS BENEFITS
ADMINISTRATION

For necessary operating expenses of the Veterans Bene-
fits Administration, not otherwise provided for, including
hire of passenger motor vehicles, reimbursement of the Gen-
eral Services Administration for security guard services,
and reimbursement of the Department of Defense for the
cost of overseas employee mail, $2,697,734,000: Provided,
That expenses for services and assistance authorized under
paragraphs (1), (2), (5), and (11) of section 3104(a) of title
38, United States Code, that the Secretary of Veterans Af-
fairs determines are necessary to enable entitled veterans:
(1) to the maximum extent feasible, to become employable
and to obtain and maintain suitable employment; or (2) to achieve maximum independence in daily living, shall be charged to this account: Provided further, That, of the funds made available under this heading, not to exceed $160,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2017.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS

For necessary expenses for information technology systems and telecommunications support, including developmental information systems and operational information systems; for pay and associated costs; and for the capital asset acquisition of information technology systems, including management and related contractual costs of said acquisitions, including contractual costs associated with operations authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code, $4,106,363,000, plus reimbursements: Provided, That $1,115,757,000 shall be for pay and associated costs, of which not to exceed $34,800,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2017: Provided further, That $2,512,863,000 shall be for operations and maintenance, of which not to exceed $175,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2017: Provided further, That $477,743,000 shall be for information technology systems development, modernization, and enhancement, and shall remain available until September 30, 2017: Provided fur-
ther, That amounts made available for information technology systems development, modernization, and enhancement may not be obligated or expended until the Secretary of Veterans Affairs or the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Veterans Affairs submits to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a certification of the amounts, in parts or in full, to be obligated and expended for each development project: Provided further, That amounts made available for salaries and expenses, operations and maintenance, and information technology systems development, modernization, and enhancement may be transferred among the three subaccounts after the Secretary of Veterans Affairs requests from the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress the authority to make the transfer and an approval is issued: Provided further, That amounts made available for the “Information Technology Systems” account for development, modernization, and enhancement may be transferred among projects or to newly defined projects: Provided further, That no project may be increased or decreased by more than $1,000,000 of cost prior to submitting a request to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress to make the transfer and an approval is issued, or absent a response, a period of 30 days has elapsed: Provided further, That funds under this heading may be used by the Inter-
agency Program Office through the Department of Veterans Affairs to develop a standard data reference terminology model: Provided further, That, of the funds made available for information technology systems development, modernization, and enhancement for VistA Evolution, not more than 25 percent may be obligated or expended until the Secretary of Veterans Affairs submits to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, and such Committees approve, a report that describes: (1) the status of and changes to the VistA Evolution program plan dated March 24, 2014 (hereinafter referred to as the “Plan”), the VistA 4 product roadmap dated February 26, 2015 (“Roadmap”), and the VistA 4 Incremental Life Cycle Cost Estimate, dated October 26, 2014; (2) any changes to the scope or functionality of projects within the VistA Evolution program as established in the Plan; (3) actual program costs incurred to date; (4) progress in meeting the schedule milestones that have been established in the Plan; (5) a Project Management Accountability System (PMAS) Dashboard Progress report that identifies each VistA Evolution project being tracked through PMAS, what functionality it is intended to provide, and what evaluation scores it has received throughout development; (6) the definition being used for interoperability between the electronic health record systems of the Department of Defense and the Department of
Provided further, That the funds made available under this heading for information technology systems development, modernization, and enhancement, shall be for the projects, and in the amounts, specified under this heading in the report accompanying this Act.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector General, to include information technology, in carrying out the provisions of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.), $126,766,000, of which $12,676,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2017.

CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR PROJECTS

For constructing, altering, extending, and improving any of the facilities, including parking projects, under the jurisdiction or for the use of the Department of Veterans Affairs, the metrics to measure the extent of interoperability, the milestones and timeline associated with achieving interoperability, and the baseline measurements associated with interoperability; (7) progress toward developing and implementing all components and levels of interoperability, including semantic interoperability; (8) the change management tools in place to facilitate the implementation of VistA Evolution and interoperability; and (9) any changes to the governance structure for the VistA Evolution program and its chain of decisionmaking authority.

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Affairs, or for any of the purposes set forth in sections 316, 2404, 2406 and chapter 81 of title 38, United States Code, not otherwise provided for, including planning, architectural and engineering services, construction management services, maintenance or guarantee period services costs associated with equipment guarantees provided under the project, services of claims analysts, offsite utility and storm drainage system construction costs, and site acquisition, where the estimated cost of a project is more than the amount set forth in section 8104(a)(3)(A) of title 38, United States Code, or where funds for a project were made available in a previous major project appropriation, $1,027,064,000, of which $967,064,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2020, and of which $60,000,000 shall remain available until expended: Provided, That except for advance planning activities, including needs assessments which may or may not lead to capital investments, and other capital asset management related activities, including portfolio development and management activities, and investment strategy studies funded through the advance planning fund and the planning and design activities funded through the design fund, including needs assessments which may or may not lead to capital investments, and salaries and associated costs of the resident engineers who oversee those capital investments funded through this ac-
count, and funds provided for the purchase of land for the
National Cemetery Administration through the land acqui-
sition line item, none of the funds made available under
this heading shall be used for any project which has not
been approved by the Congress in the budgetary process:
Provided further, That funds made available under this
heading for fiscal year 2016, for each approved project shall
be obligated: (1) by the awarding of a construction docu-
ments contract by September 30, 2016; and (2) by the
awarding of a construction contract by September 30, 2017:
Provided further, That the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
shall promptly submit to the Committees on Appropriations
of both Houses of Congress a written report on any ap-
proved major construction project for which obligations are
not incurred within the time limitations established above:
Provided further, That, of the amount made available on
October 1, 2016, under this heading, $490,700,000 for Vet-
erans Health Administration major construction projects
shall not be available until the Secretary of Veterans Af-
fairs:

(1) Enters into an agreement with the U.S.
Army Corps of Engineers, to serve as the design and
construction agent for Veterans Health Administra-
tion projects with a Total Estimated Cost of
$250,000,000 or above.
(2) That such an agreement will designate the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as the design and construction agent to serve as—

(A) the overall construction project manager, with a dedicated project delivery team including engineers, medical facility designers, and professional project managers;

(B) the facility design manager, with a dedicated design manager and technical support;

(C) the design agent, with standardized and rigorous facility designs;

(D) the architect/engineer designer; and

(E) the overall construction agent, with a dedicated construction and technical team during pre-construction, construction, and commissioning phases.

(3) Certifies in writing that such an agreement is in effect and will prevent subsequent major construction project cost overruns, provides a copy of the agreement entered into (and any required supplementary information) to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, and a period of 60 days has elapsed.
CONSTRUCTION, MINOR PROJECTS

For constructing, altering, extending, and improving any of the facilities, including parking projects, under the jurisdiction or for the use of the Department of Veterans Affairs, including planning and assessments of needs which may lead to capital investments, architectural and engineering services, maintenance or guarantee period services costs associated with equipment guarantees provided under the project, services of claims analysts, offsite utility and storm drainage system construction costs, and site acquisition, or for any of the purposes set forth in sections 316, 2404, 2406 and chapter 81 of title 38, United States Code, not otherwise provided for, where the estimated cost of a project is equal to or less than the amount set forth in section 8104(a)(3)(A) of title 38, United States Code, $378,080,000, to remain available until September 30, 2020, along with unobligated balances of previous “Construction, Minor Projects” appropriations which are hereby made available for any project where the estimated cost is equal to or less than the amount set forth in such section: Provided, That funds made available under this heading shall be for: (1) repairs to any of the nonmedical facilities under the jurisdiction or for the use of the Department which are necessary because of loss or damage caused by any natural disaster or catastrophe; and (2) temporary
measures necessary to prevent or to minimize further loss
by such causes.

GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STATE EXTENDED CARE
FACILITIES
For grants to assist States to acquire or construct
State nursing home and domiciliary facilities and to re-
model, modify, or alter existing hospital, nursing home, and
domiciliary facilities in State homes, for furnishing care
to veterans as authorized by sections 8131 through 8137 of
title 38, United States Code, $100,000,000, to remain avail-
able until expended.

GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF VETERANS CEMETERIES
For grants to assist States and tribal organizations
in establishing, expanding, or improving veterans ceme-
teries as authorized by section 2408 of title 38, United
States Code, $46,000,000, to remain available until ex-
pended.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS
(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)
SEC. 201. Any appropriation for fiscal year 2016 for
“Compensation and Pensions”, “Readjustment Benefits”,
and “Veterans Insurance and Indemnities” may be trans-
ferred as necessary to any other of the mentioned appro-
priations: Provided, That, before a transfer may take place,
the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall request from the
Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress
the authority to make the transfer and such Committees
issue an approval, or absent a response, a period of 30 days
has elapsed.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 202. Amounts made available for the Department
of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2016, in this Act or any
other Act, under the “Medical Services”, “Medical support
and compliance”, and “Medical Facilities” accounts may
be transferred among the accounts: Provided, That any
transfers between the “Medical Services” and “Medical
Support and Compliance” accounts of 1 percent or less of
the total amount appropriated to the account in this or any
other Act may take place subject to notification from the
Secretary of Veterans Affairs to the Committees on Appro-
priations of both Houses of Congress of the amount and
purpose of the transfer: Provided further, That any trans-
fers between the “Medical Services” and “Medical Support
and Compliance” accounts in excess of 1 percent, or exceed-
ing the cumulative 1 percent for the fiscal year, may take
place only after the Secretary requests from the Committees
on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress the authority
to make the transfer and an approval is issued: Provided
further, That any transfers to or from the “Medical Facili-
ties” account may take place only after the Secretary re-
quests from the Committees on Appropriations of both
Houses of Congress the authority to make the transfer and
an approval is issued.

SEC. 203. Appropriations available in this title for sal-
aries and expenses shall be available for services authorized
by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code; hire of pas-
senger motor vehicles; lease of a facility or land or both;
and uniforms or allowances therefore, as authorized by sec-
tions 5901 through 5902 of title 5, United States Code.

SEC. 204. No appropriations in this title (except the
appropriations for “Construction, Major Projects”, and
“Construction, Minor Projects”) shall be available for the
purchase of any site for or toward the construction of any
new hospital or home.

SEC. 205. No appropriations in this title shall be
available for hospitalization or examination of any persons
(except beneficiaries entitled to such hospitalization or ex-
amination under the laws providing such benefits to vet-
erans, and persons receiving such treatment under sections
7901 through 7904 of title 5, United States Code, or the
Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assist-
ance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.), unless reimbursement
of the cost of such hospitalization or examination is made
to the “Medical Services” account at such rates as may be
fixed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
SEC. 206. Appropriations available in this title for “Compensation and pensions”, “Readjustment benefits”, and “Veterans insurance and indemnities” shall be available for payment of prior year accrued obligations required to be recorded by law against the corresponding prior year accounts within the last quarter of fiscal year 2015.

SEC. 207. Appropriations available in this title shall be available to pay prior year obligations of corresponding prior year appropriations accounts resulting from sections 3328(a), 3334, and 3712(a) of title 31, United States Code, except that if such obligations are from trust fund accounts they shall be payable only from “Compensation and Pensions”.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 208. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, during fiscal year 2016, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall, from the National Service Life Insurance Fund under section 1920 of title 38, United States Code, the Veterans’ Special Life Insurance Fund under section 1923 of title 38, United States Code, and the United States Government Life Insurance Fund under section 1955 of title 38, United States Code, reimburse the “General operating expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration” and “Information Technology Systems” accounts for the cost of administration of the insurance programs financed through those accounts:
Provided, That reimbursement shall be made only from the surplus earnings accumulated in such an insurance program during fiscal year 2016 that are available for dividends in that program after claims have been paid and actuarially determined reserves have been set aside: Provided further, That, if the cost of administration of such an insurance program exceeds the amount of surplus earnings accumulated in that program, reimbursement shall be made only to the extent of such surplus earnings: Provided further, That the Secretary shall determine the cost of administration for fiscal year 2016 which is properly allocable to the provision of each such insurance program and to the provision of any total disability income insurance included in that insurance program.

SEC. 209. Amounts deducted from enhanced-use lease proceeds to reimburse an account for expenses incurred by that account during a prior fiscal year for providing enhanced-use lease services, may be obligated during the fiscal year in which the proceeds are received.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 210. Funds available in this title or funds for salaries and other administrative expenses shall also be available to reimburse the Office of Resolution Management of the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Office of Employment Discrimination Complaint Adjudication under
section 319 of title 38, United States Code, for all services
provided at rates which will recover actual costs but not
to exceed $43,700,000 for the Office of Resolution Manage-
ment and $3,400,000 for the Office of Employment Dis-

crimination Complaint Adjudication: Provided, That pay-
ments may be made in advance for services to be furnished
based on estimated costs: Provided further, That amounts
received shall be credited to the “General Administration”
and “Information Technology Systems” accounts for use by
the office that provided the service.

(TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 211. Of the amounts made available to the De-
partment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2016 for the
Office of Rural Health under the heading “Medical Serv-
ices”, including any advance appropriation for fiscal year
2016 provided in prior appropriation Acts, up to
$20,000,000 may be transferred to and merged with funds
appropriated under the heading “Grants for Construction
of State Extended Care Facilities”.

SEC. 212. No funds of the Department of Veterans Af-
fairs shall be available for hospital care, nursing home care,
or medical services provided to any person under chapter
17 of title 38, United States Code, for a non-service-con-

ected disability described in section 1729(a)(2) of such
title, unless that person has disclosed to the Secretary of
Veterans Affairs, in such form as the Secretary may require,
current, accurate third-party reimbursement information
for purposes of section 1729 of such title: Provided, That
the Secretary may recover, in the same manner as any other
debt due the United States, the reasonable charges for such
care or services from any person who does not make such
disclosure as required: Provided further, That any amounts
so recovered for care or services provided in a prior fiscal
year may be obligated by the Secretary during the fiscal
year in which amounts are received.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 213. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
proceeds or revenues derived from enhanced-use leasing ac-
tivities (including disposal) may be deposited into the
“Construction, Major Projects” and “Construction, Minor
Projects” accounts and be used for construction (including
site acquisition and disposition), alterations, and improve-
ments of any medical facility under the jurisdiction or for
the use of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Such sums
as realized are in addition to the amount provided for in
“Construction, Major Projects” and “Construction, Minor
Projects”.

SEC. 214. Amounts made available under “Medical
Services” are available—
(1) for furnishing recreational facilities, supplies, and equipment; and

(2) for funeral expenses, burial expenses, and other expenses incidental to funerals and burials for beneficiaries receiving care in the Department.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 215. Such sums as may be deposited to the Medical Care Collections Fund pursuant to section 1729A of title 38, United States Code, may be transferred to “Medical Services”, to remain available until expended for the purposes of that account: Provided, That, for fiscal year 2016, up to $27,000,000 deposited in the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Care Collections Fund shall be transferred to “Information Technology Systems”, to remain available until expended, for development of the Medical Care Collections Fund electronic data exchange provider and payer system.

SEC. 216. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may enter into agreements with Indian tribes and tribal organizations which are party to the Alaska Native Health Compact with the Indian Health Service, and Indian tribes and tribal organizations serving rural Alaska which have entered into contracts with the Indian Health Service under the Indian Self-Determination and Educational Assistance Act, to provide healthcare, including behavioral health and dental
care. The Secretary shall require participating veterans and facilities to comply with all appropriate rules and regulations, as established by the Secretary. The term “rural Alaska” shall mean those lands sited within the external boundaries of the Alaska Native regions specified in sections 7(a)(1)–(4) and (7)–(12) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1606), and those lands within the Alaska Native regions specified in sections 7(a)(5) and 7(a)(6) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1606), which are not within the boundaries of the municipality of Anchorage, the Fairbanks North Star Borough, the Kenai Peninsula Borough or the Matanuska Susitna Borough.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Sec. 217. Such sums as may be deposited to the Department of Veterans Affairs Capital Asset Fund pursuant to section 8118 of title 38, United States Code, may be transferred to the “Construction, Major Projects” and “Construction, Minor Projects” accounts, to remain available until expended for the purposes of these accounts.

Sec. 218. None of the funds made available in this title may be used to implement any policy prohibiting the Directors of the Veterans Integrated Services Networks from conducting outreach or marketing to enroll new veterans within their respective Networks.
SEC. 219. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a quarterly report on the financial status of the Veterans Health Administration.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 220. Amounts made available under the “Medical Services”, “Medical Support and Compliance”, “Medical Facilities”, “General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration”, “General Administration”, and “National Cemetery Administration” accounts for fiscal year 2016 may be transferred to or from the “Information Technology Systems” account: Provided, That, before a transfer may take place, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall request from the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress the authority to make the transfer and an approval is issued.

SEC. 221. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act or any other Act for the Department of Veterans Affairs may be used in a manner that is inconsistent with: (1) section 842 of the Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, the District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 (Public Law 109–115; 119 Stat. 2506); or (2) section 8110(a)(5) of title 38, United States Code.
SEC. 222. Of the amounts made available to the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2016, in this Act or any other Act, under the “Medical Facilities” account for nonrecurring maintenance, not more than 20 percent of the funds made available shall be obligated during the last 2 months of that fiscal year: Provided, That the Secretary may waive this requirement after providing written notice to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 223. Of the amounts appropriated to the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2016 for “Medical Services”, “Medical Support and Compliance”, “Medical Facilities”, “Construction, Minor Projects”, and “Information Technology Systems”, up to $266,303,000, plus reimbursements, may be transferred to the Joint Department of Defense-Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund, established by section 1704 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 3571) and may be used for operation of the facilities designated as combined Federal medical facilities as described by section 706 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500): Provided, That additional funds may be transferred from accounts
designated in this section to the Joint Department of Defense-Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund upon written notification by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress: Provided further, That section 223 of Title II of Division I of Public Law 113–235 is repealed.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 224. Of the amounts appropriated to the Department of Veterans Affairs which become available on October 1, 2016, for “Medical Services”, “Medical Support and Compliance”, and “Medical Facilities”, up to $265,675,000, plus reimbursements, may be transferred to the Joint Department of Defense-Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund, established by section 1704 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 3571) and may be used for operation of the facilities designated as combined Federal medical facilities as described by section 706 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500): Provided, That additional funds may be transferred from accounts designated in this section to the Joint Department of Defense-Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund upon written notifi-
cation by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 225. Such sums as may be deposited to the Medical Care Collections Fund pursuant to section 1729A of title 38, United States Code, for healthcare provided at facilities designated as combined Federal medical facilities as described by section 706 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500) shall also be available: (1) for transfer to the Joint Department of Defense-Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund, established by section 1704 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 3571); and (2) for operations of the facilities designated as combined Federal medical facilities as described by section 706 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500).

(TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 226. Of the amounts available in this title for “Medical Services”, “Medical Support and Compliance”, and “Medical Facilities”, a minimum of $15,000,000 shall be transferred to the DOD–VA Health Care Sharing Incentive Fund, as authorized by section 8111(d) of title 38,
United States Code, to remain available until expended, for any purpose authorized by section 8111 of title 38, United States Code.

(INCLUDING RESCISSIONS OF FUNDS)

SEC. 227. (a) Of the funds appropriated in division I of Public Law 113–235, the following amounts which become available on October 1, 2015, are hereby rescinded from the following accounts in the amounts specified:

(1) “Department of Veterans Affairs, Medical Services”, $1,400,000,000.

(2) “Department of Veterans Affairs, Medical Support and Compliance”, $150,000,000.

(3) “Department of Veterans Affairs, Medical Facilities”, $250,000,000.

(b) In addition to amounts provided elsewhere in this Act, an additional amount is appropriated to the following accounts in the amounts specified to remain available until September 30, 2017:

(1) “Department of Veterans Affairs, Medical Services”, $1,400,000,000.

(2) “Department of Veterans Affairs, Medical Support and Compliance”, $100,000,000.

(3) “Department of Veterans Affairs, Medical Facilities”, $250,000,000.
SEC. 228. The Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs shall notify the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of all bid savings in major construction projects that total at least $5,000,000, or 5 percent of the programmed amount of the project, whichever is less: Provided, That such notification shall occur within 14 days of a contract identifying the programmed amount: Provided further, That the Secretary shall notify the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress 14 days prior to the obligation of such bid savings and shall describe the anticipated use of such savings.

SEC. 229. The scope of work for a project included in “Construction, Major Projects” may not be increased above the scope specified for that project in the original justification data provided to the Congress as part of the request for appropriations.

SEC. 230. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a quarterly report that contains the following information from each Veterans Benefits Administration Regional Office: (1) the average time to complete a disability compensation claim; (2) the number of claims pending more than 125 days; (3) error rates; (4) the number of claims personnel; (5) any corrective action taken within the quarter to address poor performance; (6) training pro-
grams undertaken; and (7) the number and results of Quality Review Team audits: Provided, That each quarterly report shall be submitted no later than 30 days after the end of the respective quarter.

SEC. 231. Of the funds provided to the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2016 for “Medical Services” and “Medical Support and Compliance”, a maximum of $5,000,000 may be obligated from the “Medical Services” account and a maximum of $154,596,000 may be obligated from the “Medical Support and Compliance” account for the VistA Evolution and electronic health record interoperability projects: Provided, That funds in addition to these amounts may be obligated for the VistA Evolution and electronic health record interoperability projects upon written notification by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

SEC. 232. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall provide written notification to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress 15 days prior to organizational changes which result in the transfer of 25 or more full-time equivalents from one organizational unit of the Department of Veterans Affairs to another.

SEC. 233. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall provide on a quarterly basis to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress notification of any single
national outreach and awareness marketing campaign in which obligations exceed $2,000,000.

SEC. 234. Not more than $4,400,000 of the funds provided in this Act under the heading “Department of Veterans Affairs—Departmental Administration—General Administration” may be used for the Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs.

SEC. 235. None of the funds available to the Department of Veterans Affairs, in this or any other Act, may be used to replace the current system by which the Veterans Integrated Service Networks select and contract for diabetes monitoring supplies and equipment.

(RESCISSIONS OF FUNDS)

SEC. 236. Of the discretionary funds made available in title II of division I of Public Law 113–235 for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2016, $198,000,000 are rescinded from “Medical Services”, $42,000,000 are rescinded from “Medical Support and Compliance”, and $15,000,000 are rescinded from “Medical Facilities”.

(RESCISSIONS OF FUNDS)

SEC. 237. (a) There is hereby rescinded an aggregate amount of $55,000,000 from the total budget authority provided for fiscal year 2016 for discretionary accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs in—
(1) this Act; or

(2) any advance appropriation for fiscal year 2016 in prior appropriation Acts.

(b) The Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a report specifying the account and amount of each rescission not later than 30 days following enactment of this Act.

(RECISISSION OF FUNDS)

SEC. 238. Of the unobligated balances available within the “DOD–VA Health Care Sharing Incentive Fund”, $50,000,000 are hereby rescinded.

(RECISISSIONS OF FUNDS)

SEC. 239. Of the discretionary funds made available in title II of division I of Public Law 113–235 for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2015, $1,052,000 are rescinded from “General Administration”, and $5,000,000 are rescinded from “Construction, Minor Projects”.

(RECISISSIONS OF FUNDS)

SEC. 240. (a) There is hereby rescinded an aggregate amount of $90,293,000 from prior year unobligated balances available within discretionary accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs;

(b) No funds may be rescinded from amounts provided under the following headings:
(1) “Medical Services”;
(2) “Medical and Prosthetic Research”;
(3) “National Cemetery Administration”;
(4) “Board of Veterans Appeals”;
(5) “General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration”;
(6) “Office of Inspector General”;
(7) “Grants for Construction of State Extended Care Facilities”; and
(8) “Grants for Construction of Veterans Cemeteries”.

(c) No amounts may be rescinded from amounts that were designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

(d) The Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a report specifying the account and amount of each rescission not later than 30 days following enactment of this Act.

SEC. 241. Section 2302(a)(2)(A)(viii) of title 5, United States Code, is amended by inserting “or under title 38” after “of this title”.

SEC. 242. The Department of Veterans Affairs is authorized to administer financial assistance grants and enter
into cooperative agreements with organizations, utilizing a competitive selection process, to train and employ homeless and at-risk veterans in natural resource conservation management.

SEC. 243. Section 312 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(c)(1) Whenever the Inspector General, in carrying out the duties and responsibilities established under the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.), issues a work product that makes a recommendation or otherwise suggests corrective action, the Inspector General shall—

“(A) submit the work product to—

“(i) the Secretary;

“(ii) the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate;

“(iii) the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives;

“(iv) if the work product was initiated upon request by an individual or entity
other than the Inspector General, that individual or entity; and

“(v) any Member of Congress upon request; and

“(B) the Inspector General shall submit all final work products to—

“(i) if the work product was initiated upon request by an individual or entity other than the Inspector General, that individual or entity; and

“(ii) any Member of Congress upon request; and

“(C) not later than 3 days after the work product is submitted in final form to the Secretary, post the work product on the Internet website of the Inspector General.

“(2) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to authorize the public disclosure of information that is specifically prohibited from disclosure by any other provision of law.”.

SEC. 244. None of the funds provided in this Act may be used to pay the salary of any individual who (a) was the Executive Director of the Office of Acquisition, Logistics and Construction, and (b) who retired from Federal service in the midst of an investigation, initiated by the Depart-
ment of Veterans Affairs, into delays and cost overruns as-
associated with the design and construction of the new med-
icinal center in Aurora, Colorado.

SEC. 245. Of the amounts appropriated or otherwise
made available to the Department of Veterans Affairs for
the “Medical Services” account for fiscal year 2016 in this
Act of any other Act, not less than $10,000,000 shall be used
to hire additional caregiver support coordinators to support
the programs of assistance and support for caregivers of vet-
erans under section 1720G of title 38, United States Code.

SEC. 246. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise
made available to the Department of Veterans Affairs in
this Act may be used in a manner that would—

(1) interfere with the ability of a veteran to par-
ticipate in a State-approved medicinal marijuana
program;

(2) deny any services from the Department to a
veteran who is participating in such a program; or

(3) limit or interfere with the ability of a health
care provider of the Department to make appropriate
recommendations, fill out forms, or take steps to com-
ply with such a program.

SEC. 247. The Comptroller General of the United
States shall conduct random, periodic audits of medical fa-
cilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Vet-
erans Integrated Service Networks to assess whether such facilities and Networks are complying with all standards imposed by law or by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs with respect to the timely access of veterans to hospital care, medical services, and other health care from the Department.

SEC. 248. None of the amounts appropriated or otherwise made available by this title may be used to transfer any amount from the Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation Fund to any other account in the Treasury of the United States.

SEC. 249. None of the amounts appropriated or otherwise made available by title II may be used to carry out the Home Marketing Incentive Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs or to carry out the Appraisal Value Offer Program of the Department with respect to an employee of the Department in a senior executive position (as defined in section 713(g) of title 38, United States Code).

SEC. 250. (a) Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the congressional veterans committees a report evaluating the implementation by the Department of Veterans Affairs of section 101 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–146; 38 U.S.C. 1701 note).
(b) The report required by subsection (a) shall include, with respect to the implementation of such section 101, an evaluation of the following:

(1) The effect of such implementation on the reduction in the use of purchased care by the Department, including delays or denials of care and interruptions in courses and continuity of care.

(2) The ability of health care providers to meet the demand for primary, specialty, and behavioral health care under such section 101 that cannot reasonably be provided in medical facilities of the Department.

(3) The efforts of the Department to recruit health care providers to provide health care under such section 101.

(4) The accuracy of the information provided to veterans through call centers regarding the receipt of health care under such section 101.

(5) The timeliness of referrals of veterans by the Department to health care providers under such section 101.

(6) Unique issues and difficulties in the implementation of section 101 with respect to veterans residing in rural areas, the States of Alaska and Hawaii and states lacking a full service VA Hospital.
(7) With respect to rural areas: (A) an identification of the average wait times for veterans in rural areas to receive health care under such section 101, measured from when the veteran first calls the Department or contracted call center to request an appointment; (B) an assessment of utilization rates for health care provided under such section 101 in rural areas; (C) an assessment of the accessibility of veterans in rural areas to primary and specialty care at medical centers of the Department and from non-Department health care providers under such section 101; (D) an assessment of the status of any pilot programs created by the Department to provide care under such section 101; (E) an identification of the number of health care providers providing health care under such section 101 to veterans in rural areas, broken out by primary care providers, specialty and subspecialty providers, and behavioral health providers in each Veterans Integrated Service Network.

(8) Recommendations for such improvements to the provision of health care under such section 101 as the Comptroller General considers appropriate.

(c) In this section, the term “congressional veterans committees” means the Veterans Affairs Committees of the United States Senate and the House of Representatives and
the Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies of the Committees on Appropriations of the United States Senate and the House of Representatives.

SEC. 251. Not later than February 1, 2016, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the House of Representatives a report that supplements the report required under section 4002(c) of the Surface Transportation and Veterans Health Care Choice Improvement Act of 2015 (Public Law 114–41) and that contains the following:

(1) A description of the changes in access, if any, of veterans in Alaska to purchased care from the Department of Veterans Affairs that have resulted from implementation of section 101 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–146), including denials of care and interruptions in the course and continuity of care.

(2) An assessment of the performance of the Department in providing health care under such section 101 in Alaska, including—

(A) the performance of call center service provided to veterans;
(B) the accuracy of call center information provided to veterans and health care providers;
(C) whether health care providers are agreeing to provide health care under such section 101 in each of the major communities in Alaska;
(D) gaps in the availability of health care providers, disaggregated by primary, specialty, subspecialty, and behavioral health care;
(E) impediments to the provision of health care under such section 101; and
(F) plans to mitigate those impediments.

(3) An assessment of the status of health care provider vacancies at the VA Alaska Healthcare System as of the date of submittal of the report under this section, including impediments to filling those vacancies and plans to mitigate those impediments.

(4) A description of the manner in which the Department plans to serve the primary, specialty, and behavioral health care needs of veterans in Alaska if the plan and recommendations set forth in the report submitted under such section 4002(c) are implemented, including a description of specific strategies to be employed by the Department to address gaps in the provision of health care to veterans and the supply and demand of health care providers for veterans,
including the roles of tribal health providers and community providers in addressing those gaps.

SEC. 252. None of the amounts appropriated or otherwise made available by this title may be used—

(1) to carry out the memorandum of the Veterans Benefits Administration known as “Fast Letter 13–10”, issued on May 20, 2013; or

(2) to create or maintain any patient record-keeping system other than those currently approved by the Department of Veterans Affairs Central Office in Washington, District of Columbia.

SEC. 253. (a) Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to Congress a report on the recruitment and retention of health care providers by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

(b) The report required by subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) An identification of the ratio of veterans to health care providers of the Department, disaggregated by State.

(2) An analysis of the workload of primary and specialty care providers of the Department, disaggregated by State.
(3) An assessment of initiatives carried out by the Veterans Health Administration to recruit and retain health care providers of the Department.

(4) An assessment of the extent to which the Veterans Health Administration oversees health care providers of the Department.

(5) Such recommendations for improving the recruitment and retention of health care providers of the Department as the Comptroller General considers appropriate.

SEC. 254. (a) Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to Congress a report on the implementation by the Department of Veterans Affairs of section 101 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–146; 38 U.S.C. 1701 note) in rural areas.

(b) The report required by subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) An identification of average wait times for veterans in rural areas to receive health care under such section 101, measured from when the veteran first calls the Department to schedule an appointment.
(2) An assessment of utilization rates for health care provided under such section 101 in rural areas.

(3) An assessment of the accessibility of veterans in rural areas to primary and specialty care at medical centers of the Department and from non-Department health care providers under such section 101.

(4) An identification of the number of health care providers providing health care under such section 101 in each Veterans Integrated Service Network.

(5) An assessment of the status of any pilot programs created by the Department to provide care under such section 101 in rural areas.

SEC. 255. REPORT ON USE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS BY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report on the use of social security numbers by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the plans of the Secretary to discontinue the unnecessary use.

(b) CONTENTS.—The report required by subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) A list of documents and records of the Department of Veterans Affairs that contain social security numbers.
(2) A list of all government and non-government entities and the numbers of their employees that have access to the social security numbers of veterans that are stored by the Department.

(3) A description of how the Department, other governmental entities, and persons use social security numbers they obtain from the Department, including a description of any information sharing arrangements that the Secretary may have with the heads of other governmental entities.

(4) The number of data breaches of Department of Veterans Affairs information systems that involved social security numbers that occurred during the five-year period ending on the date of the enactment of this Act that the Secretary discovered or that were reported to the Secretary, a description and status of the investigations conducted by the Secretary regarding such breaches, and a description of the plans of the Secretary to remediate such breaches.

(5) The plans of the Secretary, including a timeline, to discontinue the unnecessary use by the Department of social security numbers.

(c) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate committees of Congress” means—
(1) the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

(2) the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

SEC. 256. (a) Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report that includes, with respect to the South Texas Veterans Health Care System of the Department of Veterans Affairs, the following:

(1) A description of the nature and scope of any foreseeable increase in wait times for medical appointments.

(2) An assessment of whether a shortage of health care providers is the primary cause of any such increase in wait times.

(3) An identification of any other causes of any such increase in wait times.

(4) A description of any action taken by the Department to correct any such increase in wait times.

(5) An assessment of any issues relating to access to care.

(6) A plan for how the Secretary will remedy any such increase in wait times, including a detailed
description of steps to be taken and a timeline for completion.

(b) In this section, the term “appropriate committees of Congress” means—

(1) the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate; and

(2) the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the House of Representatives.

SEC. 257. (a) Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, enter into a contract with an independent third party described in subsection (b) to carry out a study on the impact of participation in combat during service in the Armed Forces on suicides and other mental health issues among members of the Armed Forces and veterans.

(b) An independent third party described in this subsection is an independent third party that has appropriate credentials to access information in the possession of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs that is necessary to carry out the study required under subsection (a).

SEC. 258. (a) The amount appropriated or otherwise made available by this title under the heading “MEDICAL
AND PROSTHETIC RESEARCH” under the heading “VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION” is hereby increased by $8,922,462.

(b) The amount appropriated or otherwise made available by this title for fiscal year 2016 under the heading “MEDICAL SERVICES” under the heading “VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION” is hereby reduced by $8,922,462.

SEC. 259. Of the amounts appropriated or otherwise made available by this title for “MEDICAL SERVICES”, not more than $5,000,000 shall be available to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to assess the feasibility and advisability of awarding grants to veterans service agencies, veterans service organizations, and nongovernmental organizations to provide furniture, household items, and other assistance to formerly homeless veterans who are moving into permanent housing to facilitate the settlement of such veterans in such housing.

SEC. 260. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ACTION PLAN TO IMPROVE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION. (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 270 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall develop and publish an action plan for improving the services and assistance provided under chapter 31 of title 38, United States Code.
(b) ELEMENTS.—The plan required by subsection (a) shall include each of the following:

(1) A comprehensive analysis of, and recommendations and a proposed implementation plan for remedying workload management challenges at regional offices of the Department of Veterans Affairs, including steps to reduce counselor caseloads of veterans participating in a rehabilitation program under such chapter, particularly for counselors who are assisting veterans with traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder and counselors with educational and vocational counseling workloads.

(2) A comprehensive analysis of the reasons for the disproportionately low percentage of veterans with service-connected disabilities who served in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, who opt to participate in a rehabilitation program under such chapter relative to the percentage of such veterans who use their entitlement to educational assistance under chapter 33 of title 38, United States Code, including an analysis of barriers to timely enrollment in rehabilitation programs under chapter 31 of such title and of any barriers to a veteran enrolling in the program of that veteran’s choice.
(3) Recommendations and a proposed implementation plan for encouraging more veterans with service-connected disabilities who served in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, to participate in rehabilitation programs under chapter 31 of such title.

(4) A national staff training program for vocational rehabilitation counselors of the Department that includes the provision of—

(A) training to assist counselors in understanding the very profound disorientation experienced by veterans with service-connected disabilities whose lives and life-plans have been upended and out of their control because of such disabilities;

(B) training to assist counselors in working in partnership with veterans on individual rehabilitation plans; and

(C) training on post-traumatic stress disorder and other mental health conditions and on moderate to severe traumatic brain injury that is designed to improve the ability of such counselors to assist veterans with these conditions, including by providing information on the broad spectrum of such conditions and the effect of such
conditions on an individual’s abilities and functional limitations.

TITLE III
RELATED AGENCIES
AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES
For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, of the American Battle Monuments Commission, including the acquisition of land or interest in land in foreign countries; purchases and repair of uniforms for caretakers of national cemeteries and monuments outside of the United States and its territories and possessions; rent of office and garage space in foreign countries; purchase (one-for-one replacement basis only) and hire of passenger motor vehicles; not to exceed $7,500 for official reception and representation expenses; and insurance of official motor vehicles in foreign countries, when required by law of such countries, $75,100,000, to remain available until expended.

FOREIGN CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS ACCOUNT
For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, of the American Battle Monuments Commission, such sums as may be necessary, to remain available until expended, for purposes authorized by section 2109 of title 36, United States Code.
For necessary expenses for the operation of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims as authorized by sections 7251 through 7298 of title 38, United States Code, $32,141,000: Provided, That $2,500,000 shall be available for the purpose of providing financial assistance as described, and in accordance with the process and reporting procedures set forth, under this heading in Public Law 102–229.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—CIVIL

CEMETERY EXPENSES, ARMY

For necessary expenses for maintenance, operation, and improvement of Arlington National Cemetery and Soldiers’ and Airmen’s Home National Cemetery, including the purchase or lease of passenger motor vehicles for replacement on a one-for-one basis only, and not to exceed $1,000 for official reception and representation expenses, $70,800,000, of which not to exceed $28,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2018. In addition, such sums as may be necessary for parking maintenance, repairs and replacement, to be derived from the “Lease of Depart-
ment of Defense Real Property for Defense Agencies” account.

ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME

TRUST FUND

For expenses necessary for the Armed Forces Retirement Home to operate and maintain the Armed Forces Retirement Home—Washington, District of Columbia, and the Armed Forces Retirement Home—Gulfport, Mississippi, to be paid from funds available in the Armed Forces Retirement Home Trust Fund, $64,300,000, of which $1,000,000 shall remain available until expended for construction and renovation of the physical plants at the Armed Forces Retirement Home—Washington, District of Columbia, and the Armed Forces Retirement Home—Gulfport, Mississippi.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Sec. 301. Funds appropriated in this Act under the heading “Department of Defense—Civil, Cemeterial Expenses, Army”, may be provided to Arlington County, Virginia, for the relocation of the federally owned water main at Arlington National Cemetery, making additional land available for ground burials.

Sec. 302. Amounts deposited during the current fiscal year to the special account established under 10 U.S.C. 4727 are appropriated and shall be available until ex-
pended to support activities at the Army National Military Cemeteries.

Sec. 303. For an additional amount for “Department of Defense—Civil Cemeterial Expenses, Army” in this title, $30,000,000: Provided, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, such funds may be transferred to the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, for construction of access roads adjacent to Arlington National Cemetery to support land acquisition for the expansion of the cemetery.

Title IV

General Provisions

Sec. 401. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the current fiscal year unless expressly so provided herein.

Sec. 402. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used for any program, project, or activity, when it is made known to the Federal entity or official to which the funds are made available that the program, project, or activity is not in compliance with any Federal law relating to risk assessment, the protection of private property rights, or unfunded mandates.

Sec. 403. Such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016 for pay raises for programs funded by this Act shall be absorbed within the levels appropriated in this Act.
SEC. 404. No part of any funds appropriated in this Act shall be used by an agency of the executive branch, other than for normal and recognized executive-legislative relationships, for publicity or propaganda purposes, and for the preparation, distribution, or use of any kit, pamphlet, booklet, publication, radio, television, or film presentation designed to support or defeat legislation pending before Congress, except in presentation to Congress itself.

SEC. 405. All departments and agencies funded under this Act are encouraged, within the limits of the existing statutory authorities and funding, to expand their use of “E-Commerce” technologies and procedures in the conduct of their business practices and public service activities.

SEC. 406. Unless stated otherwise, all reports and notifications required by this Act shall be submitted to the Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.

SEC. 407. None of the funds made available in this Act may be transferred to any department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States Government except pursuant to a transfer made by, or transfer authority provided in, this or any other appropriations Act.
SEC. 408. (a) Any agency receiving funds made available in this Act, shall, subject to subsections (b) and (c), post on the public Web site of that agency any report required to be submitted by the Congress in this or any other Act, upon the determination by the head of the agency that it shall serve the national interest.

(b) Subsection (a) shall not apply to a report if—

(1) the public posting of the report compromises national security; or

(2) the report contains confidential or proprietary information.

(c) The head of the agency posting such report shall do so only after such report has been made available to the requesting Committee or Committees of Congress for no less than 45 days.

SEC. 409. (a) None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to maintain or establish a computer network unless such network blocks the viewing, downloading, and exchanging of pornography.

(b) Nothing in subsection (a) shall limit the use of funds necessary for any Federal, State, tribal, or local law enforcement agency or any other entity carrying out criminal investigations, prosecution, or adjudication activities.

SEC. 410. (a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the Department of
Defense in this Act may be used to construct, renovate, or expand any facility in the United States, its territories, or possessions to house any individual detained at United States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, for the purposes of detention or imprisonment in the custody or under the control of the Department of Defense.

(b) The prohibition in subsection (a) shall not apply to any modification of facilities at United States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay, Cuba.

(c) An individual described in this subsection is any individual who, as of June 24, 2009, is located at United States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, and who—

(1) is not a citizen of the United States or a member of the Armed Forces of the United States; and

(2) is—

(A) in the custody or under the effective control of the Department of Defense; or

(B) otherwise under detention at United States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay, Cuba.
This Act may be cited as the “Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016”.

Attest:

Secretary.