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S. 4997

Making supplemental appropriations for the Department of Veterans Affairs
for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. TESTER, Ms. SINEMA, Mr.
BOOZMAN, Mr. MORAN, and Ms. COLLINS) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Appropriations

A BILL

Making supplemental appropriations for the Department of
Veterans Affairs for the fiscal year ending September
30, 2024, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the following sums are appropriated, out of any
4 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the
5 fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other pur-
6 poses, namely:

7 SEC. 101. (a) For an additional amount for fiscal
8 year 2024, there is hereby appropriated on the date of
9 enactment of this Act, for “Department of Veterans Af-

1 fairs—Veterans Benefits Administration—Compensation
2 and Pensions”, \$2,285,513,000, to remain available until
3 expended.

4 (b) For an additional amount for fiscal year 2024,
5 there is hereby appropriated on the date of enactment of
6 this Act, for “Department of Veterans Affairs—Veterans
7 Benefits Administration—Readjustment Benefits”,
8 \$596,969,000, to remain available until expended.

9 (c) Each amount appropriated or made available in
10 this section is in addition to amounts otherwise appro-
11 priated for the fiscal year involved.

12 (d) No part of any appropriation contained in this
13 section shall remain available for obligation beyond the
14 current fiscal year unless expressly so provided herein.

15 (e) Unless otherwise provided for by this section, the
16 additional amounts appropriated by this section to appro-
17 priations accounts shall be available under the authorities
18 and conditions applicable to such appropriations accounts
19 for fiscal year 2024.

20 SEC. 102. (a) Not later than 30 days after the date
21 of the enactment of this Act, the Government Account-
22 ability Office shall initiate a review of the circumstances
23 surrounding and causes of the shortfall in the Veterans
24 Benefits Administration funding in fiscal year 2024 and
25 possible remedies the Department may take in the future

1 to improve annual budget submissions and prevent short-
2 falls.

3 (b) Not later than 30 days after the date of the enact-
4 ment of this Act, the Director of the Office of Manage-
5 ment and Budget shall submit to the appropriate commit-
6 tees of Congress revision of the budget submitted under
7 section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, for the
8 Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2025.

9 (c) Not later than 30 days after the date of the enact-
10 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
11 submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report
12 identifying potential cost savings measures within the
13 Central Office of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

14 (d) In this section, the term “appropriate committees
15 of Congress” means the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs
16 and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and
17 the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs and the Committee
18 on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

19 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Supplemental
20 Appropriations Act, 2024”.

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