

Union Calendar No. 128

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3944

[Report No. 119–161]

Making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 12, 2025

Mr. CARTER of Texas, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following bill; which was committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

A BILL

Making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, 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
5 military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs,
6 and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September
7 30, 2026, and for other purposes, namely:

8 TITLE I

9 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

10 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY

11 For acquisition, construction, installation, and equip-
12 ment of temporary or permanent public works, military
13 installations, facilities, and real property for the Army as
14 currently authorized by law, including personnel in the
15 Army Corps of Engineers and other personal services nec-
16 essary for the purposes of this appropriation, and for con-
17 struction and operation of facilities in support of the func-
18 tions of the Commander in Chief, \$2,103,657,000, to re-
19 main available until September 30, 2030: *Provided*, That,
20 of this amount, not to exceed \$321,838,000 shall be avail-
21 able for study, planning, design, architect and engineer
22 services, and host nation support, as authorized by law,
23 unless the Secretary of the Army determines that addi-
24 tional obligations are necessary for such purposes and no-
25 tifies the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses

1 of Congress of the determination and the reasons therefor:
2 *Provided further*, That of the amount made available
3 under this heading, \$77,300,000 shall be for the projects
4 and activities, and in the amounts, specified in the table
5 under the heading “Military Construction, Army” in the
6 report accompanying this Act, in addition to amounts oth-
7 erwise available for such purposes.

8 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

9 For acquisition, construction, installation, and equip-
10 ment of temporary or permanent public works, naval in-
11 stallations, facilities, and real property for the Navy and
12 Marine Corps as currently authorized by law, including
13 personnel in the Naval Facilities Engineering Command
14 and other personal services necessary for the purposes of
15 this appropriation, \$4,104,499,000, to remain available
16 until September 30, 2030: *Provided*, That, of this amount,
17 not to exceed \$526,821,000 shall be available for study,
18 planning, design, and architect and engineer services, as
19 authorized by law, unless the Secretary of the Navy deter-
20 mines that additional obligations are necessary for such
21 purposes and notifies the Committees on Appropriations
22 of both Houses of Congress of the determination and the
23 reasons therefor: *Provided further*, That of the amount
24 made available under this heading, \$155,100,000 shall be
25 for the projects and activities, and in the amounts, speci-

1 fied in the table under the heading “Military Construction,
2 Navy and Marine Corps” in the report accompanying this
3 Act, in addition to amounts otherwise available for such
4 purposes.

5 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

6 For acquisition, construction, installation, and equip-
7 ment of temporary or permanent public works, military
8 installations, facilities, and real property for the Air Force
9 as currently authorized by law, \$3,169,526,000, to remain
10 available until September 30, 2030: *Provided*, That, of this
11 amount, not to exceed \$460,886,000 shall be available for
12 study, planning, design, and architect and engineer serv-
13 ices, as authorized by law, unless the Secretary of the Air
14 Force determines that additional obligations are necessary
15 for such purposes and notifies the Committees on Appro-
16 priations of both Houses of Congress of the determination
17 and the reasons therefor: *Provided further*, That of the
18 amount made available under this heading, \$32,400,000
19 shall be for the projects and activities, and in the amounts,
20 specified in the table under the heading “Military Con-
21 struction, Air Force” in the report accompanying this Act,
22 in addition to amounts otherwise available for such pur-
23 poses.

1 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, DEFENSE-WIDE

2 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

3 For acquisition, construction, installation, and equip-
4 ment of temporary or permanent public works, installa-
5 tions, facilities, and real property for activities and agen-
6 cies of the Department of Defense (other than the military
7 departments), as currently authorized by law,
8 \$3,963,383,000, to remain available until September 30,
9 2030: *Provided*, That such amounts of this appropriation
10 as may be determined by the Secretary of Defense may
11 be transferred to such appropriations of the Department
12 of Defense available for military construction or family
13 housing as the Secretary may designate, to be merged with
14 and to be available for the same purposes, and for the
15 same time period, as the appropriation or fund to which
16 transferred: *Provided further*, That, of the amount, not to
17 exceed \$822,998,000 shall be available for study, plan-
18 ning, design, and architect and engineer services, as au-
19 thorized by law, unless the Secretary of Defense deter-
20 mines that additional obligations are necessary for such
21 purposes and notifies the Committees on Appropriations
22 of both Houses of Congress of the determination and the
23 reasons therefor: *Provided further*, That of the amount
24 made available under this heading, \$82,000,000 shall be
25 for the projects and activities, and in the amounts, speci-

1 fied in the table under the heading “Military Construction,
2 Defense-Wide” in the report accompanying this Act, in ad-
3 dition to amounts otherwise available for such purposes.

4 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

5 For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-
6 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-
7 ministration of the Army National Guard, and contribu-
8 tions therefor, as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10,
9 United States Code, and Military Construction Authoriza-
10 tion Acts, \$358,489,000, to remain available until Sep-
11 tember 30, 2030: *Provided*, That, of the amount, not to
12 exceed \$47,439,000 shall be available for study, planning,
13 design, and architect and engineer services, as authorized
14 by law, unless the Director of the Army National Guard
15 determines that additional obligations are necessary for
16 such purposes and notifies the Committees on Appropria-
17 tions of both Houses of Congress of the determination and
18 the reasons therefor.

19 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR NATIONAL GUARD

20 For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-
21 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-
22 ministration of the Air National Guard, and contributions
23 therefor, as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10, United
24 States Code, and Military Construction Authorization
25 Acts, \$210,492,000, to remain available until September

1 30, 2030: *Provided*, That, of the amount, not to exceed
2 \$36,092,000 shall be available for study, planning, design,
3 and architect and engineer services, as authorized by law,
4 unless the Director of the Air National Guard determines
5 that additional obligations are necessary for such purposes
6 and notifies the Committees on Appropriations of both
7 Houses of Congress of the determination and the reasons
8 therefor.

9 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY RESERVE

10 For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-
11 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-
12 ministration of the Army Reserve as authorized by chapter
13 1803 of title 10, United States Code, and Military Con-
14 struction Authorization Acts, \$305,032,000, to remain
15 available until September 30, 2030: *Provided*, That, of the
16 amount, not to exceed \$31,508,000 shall be available for
17 study, planning, design, and architect and engineer serv-
18 ices, as authorized by law, unless the Chief of the Army
19 Reserve determines that additional obligations are nec-
20 essary for such purposes and notifies the Committees on
21 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the deter-
22 mination and the reasons therefor: *Provided further*, That
23 of the amount made available under this heading,
24 \$50,000,000 shall be for the projects and activities, and
25 in the amounts, specified in the table under the heading

1 “Military Construction, Army Reserve” in the report ac-
2 companying this Act, in addition to amounts otherwise
3 available for such purposes.

4 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY RESERVE

5 For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-
6 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-
7 ministration of the reserve components of the Navy and
8 Marine Corps as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10,
9 United States Code, and Military Construction Authoriza-
10 tion Acts, \$79,829,000, to remain available until Sep-
11 tember 30, 2030: *Provided*, That, of the amount, not to
12 exceed \$3,219,000 shall be available for study, planning,
13 design, and architect and engineer services, as authorized
14 by law, unless the Secretary of the Navy determines that
15 additional obligations are necessary for such purposes and
16 notifies the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses
17 of Congress of the determination and the reasons therefor:
18 *Provided further*, That, of the amount made available
19 under this heading, \$50,000,000 shall be for the projects
20 and activities, and in the amounts, specified in the table
21 under the heading “Military Construction, Navy Reserve”
22 in the report accompanying this Act, in addition to
23 amounts otherwise available for such purposes.

1 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE RESERVE

2 For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-
3 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-
4 ministration of the Air Force Reserve as authorized by
5 chapter 1803 of title 10, United States Code, and Military
6 Construction Authorization Acts, \$37,863,000, to remain
7 available until September 30, 2030: *Provided*, That, of the
8 amount, not to exceed \$20,162,000 shall be available for
9 study, planning, design, and architect and engineer serv-
10 ices, as authorized by law, unless the Chief of the Air
11 Force Reserve determines that additional obligations are
12 necessary for such purposes and notifies the Committees
13 on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the de-
14 termination and the reasons therefor: *Provided further*,
15 That of the amount made available under this heading,
16 \$3,200,000 shall be for the projects and activities, and in
17 the amounts, specified in the table under the heading
18 “Military Construction, Air Force Reserve” in the report
19 accompanying this Act, in addition to amounts otherwise
20 made available for such purposes.

21 NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION

22 SECURITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

23 For the United States share of the cost of the North
24 Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Pro-
25 gram for the acquisition and construction of military fa-

1 cilities and installations (including international military
2 headquarters) and for related expenses for the collective
3 defense of the North Atlantic Treaty Area as authorized
4 by section 2806 of title 10, United States Code, and Mili-
5 tary Construction Authorization Acts, \$293,434,000, to
6 remain available until expended.

7 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE ACCOUNT

8 For deposit into the Department of Defense Base
9 Closure Account, established by section 2906(a) of the De-
10 fense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (10
11 U.S.C. 2687 note), \$489,174,000, to remain available
12 until expended.

13 FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, ARMY

14 For expenses of family housing for the Army for con-
15 struction, including acquisition, replacement, addition, ex-
16 pansion, extension, and alteration, as authorized by law,
17 \$276,647,000, to remain available until September 30,
18 2030.

19 FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE,

20 ARMY

21 For expenses of family housing for the Army for op-
22 eration and maintenance, including debt payment, leasing,
23 minor construction, principal and interest charges, and in-
24 surance premiums, as authorized by law, \$495,369,000.

1 FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE
2 CORPS

3 For expenses of family housing for the Navy and Ma-
4 rine Corps for construction, including acquisition, replace-
5 ment, addition, expansion, extension, and alteration, as
6 authorized by law, \$245,742,000, to remain available until
7 September 30, 2030.

8 FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE,
9 NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

10 For expenses of family housing for the Navy and Ma-
11 rine Corps for operation and maintenance, including debt
12 payment, leasing, minor construction, principal and inter-
13 est charges, and insurance premiums, as authorized by
14 law, \$397,217,000.

15 FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

16 For expenses of family housing for the Air Force for
17 construction, including acquisition, replacement, addition,
18 expansion, extension, and alteration, as authorized by law,
19 \$221,549,000, to remain available until September 30,
20 2030.

21 FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR
22 FORCE

23 For expenses of family housing for the Air Force for
24 operation and maintenance, including debt payment, leas-
25 ing, minor construction, principal and interest charges,

1 and insurance premiums, as authorized by law,
2 \$346,250,000.

3 FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE,
4 DEFENSE-WIDE

5 For expenses of family housing for the activities and
6 agencies of the Department of Defense (other than the
7 military departments) for operation and maintenance,
8 leasing, and minor construction, as authorized by law,
9 \$52,156,000.

10 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

11 FAMILY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT FUND

12 For the Department of Defense Family Housing Im-
13 provement Fund, \$8,195,000, to remain available until ex-
14 pended, for family housing initiatives undertaken pursu-
15 ant to section 2883 of title 10, United States Code, pro-
16 viding alternative means of acquiring and improving mili-
17 tary family housing and supporting facilities.

18 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

19 MILITARY UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING IMPROVEMENT
20 FUND

21 For the Department of Defense Military Unaccom-
22 panied Housing Improvement Fund, \$497,000, to remain
23 available until expended, for unaccompanied housing ini-
24 tiatives undertaken pursuant to section 2883 of title 10,
25 United States Code, providing alternative means of acquir-

1 ing and improving military unaccompanied housing and
2 supporting facilities.

3 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

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

11 SEC. 102. Funds made available in this title for con-
12 struction shall be available for hire of passenger motor ve-
13 hicles.

14 SEC. 103. Funds made available in this title for con-
15 struction may be used for advances to the Federal High-
16 way Administration, Department of Transportation, for
17 the construction of access roads as authorized by section
18 210 of title 23, United States Code, when projects author-
19 ized therein are certified as important to the national de-
20 fense by the Secretary of Defense.

21 SEC. 104. None of the funds made available in this
22 title may be used to begin construction of new bases in
23 the United States for which specific appropriations have
24 not been made.

1 SEC. 105. None of the funds made available in this
2 title shall be used for purchase of land or land easements
3 in excess of 100 percent of the value as determined by
4 the Army Corps of Engineers or the Naval Facilities Engi-
5 neering Command, except: (1) where there is a determina-
6 tion of value by a Federal court; (2) purchases negotiated
7 by the Attorney General or the designee of the Attorney
8 General; (3) where the estimated value is less than
9 \$25,000; or (4) as otherwise determined by the Secretary
10 of Defense to be in the public interest.

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

17 SEC. 107. None of the funds made available in this
18 title for minor construction may be used to transfer or
19 relocate any activity from one base or installation to an-
20 other, without prior notification to the Committees on Ap-
21 propriations of both Houses of Congress.

22 SEC. 108. None of the funds made available in this
23 title may be used for the procurement of steel for any con-
24 struction project or activity for which American steel pro-

1 ducers, fabricators, and manufacturers have been denied
2 the opportunity to compete for such steel procurement.

3 SEC. 109. None of the funds available to the Depart-
4 ment of Defense for military construction or family hous-
5 ing during the current fiscal year may be used to pay real
6 property taxes in any foreign nation.

7 SEC. 110. None of the funds made available in this
8 title may be used to initiate a new installation overseas
9 without prior notification to the Committees on Appro-
10 priations of both Houses of Congress.

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

19 SEC. 112. None of the funds made available in this
20 title for military construction in the United States terri-
21 tories and possessions in the Pacific and on Kwajalein
22 Atoll, or in countries bordering the Arabian Gulf, may be
23 used to award any contract estimated by the Government
24 to exceed \$1,000,000 to a foreign contractor: *Provided*,
25 That this section shall not be applicable to contract

1 awards for which the lowest responsive and responsible bid
2 of a United States contractor exceeds the lowest respon-
3 sive and responsible bid of a foreign contractor by greater
4 than 20 percent: *Provided further*, That this section shall
5 not apply to contract awards for military construction on
6 Kwajalein Atoll for which the lowest responsive and re-
7 sponsible bid is submitted by a Marshallese contractor.

8 SEC. 113. The Secretary of Defense shall inform the
9 appropriate committees of both Houses of Congress, in-
10 cluding the Committees on Appropriations, of plans and
11 scope of any proposed military exercise involving United
12 States personnel 30 days prior to its occurring, if amounts
13 expended for construction, either temporary or permanent,
14 are anticipated to exceed \$100,000.

15 SEC. 114. Funds appropriated to the Department of
16 Defense for construction in prior years shall be available
17 for construction authorized for each such military depart-
18 ment by the authorizations enacted into law during the
19 current session of Congress.

20 SEC. 115. For military construction or family housing
21 projects that are being completed with funds otherwise ex-
22 pired or lapsed for obligation, expired or lapsed funds may
23 be used to pay the cost of associated supervision, inspec-
24 tion, overhead, engineering and design on those projects
25 and on subsequent claims, if any.

1 SEC. 116. Notwithstanding any other provision of
2 law, any funds made available to a military department
3 or defense agency for the construction of military projects
4 may be obligated for a military construction project or
5 contract, or for any portion of such a project or contract,
6 at any time before the end of the fourth fiscal year after
7 the fiscal year for which funds for such project were made
8 available, if the funds obligated for such project: (1) are
9 obligated from funds available for military construction
10 projects; and (2) do not exceed the amount appropriated
11 for such project, plus any amount by which the cost of
12 such project is increased pursuant to law.

13 SEC. 117. Subject to 30 days prior notification, or
14 14 days for a notification provided in an electronic me-
15 dium pursuant to sections 480 and 2883 of title 10,
16 United States Code, to the Committees on Appropriations
17 of both Houses of Congress, such additional amounts as
18 may be determined by the Secretary of Defense may be
19 transferred to: (1) the Department of Defense Family
20 Housing Improvement Fund from amounts appropriated
21 for construction in “Family Housing” accounts, to be
22 merged with and to be available for the same purposes
23 and for the same period of time as amounts appropriated
24 directly to the Fund; or (2) the Department of Defense
25 Military Unaccompanied Housing Improvement Fund

1 from amounts appropriated for construction of military
2 unaccompanied housing in “Military Construction” ac-
3 counts, to be merged with and to be available for the same
4 purposes and for the same period of time as amounts ap-
5 propriated directly to the Fund: *Provided*, That appropria-
6 tions made available to the Funds shall be available to
7 cover the costs, as defined in section 502(5) of the Con-
8 gressional Budget Act of 1974, of direct loans or loan
9 guarantees issued by the Department of Defense pursuant
10 to the provisions of subchapter IV of chapter 169 of title
11 10, United States Code, pertaining to alternative means
12 of acquiring and improving military family housing, mili-
13 tary unaccompanied housing, and supporting facilities.

14 SEC. 118. In addition to any other transfer authority
15 available to the Department of Defense, amounts may be
16 transferred from the Department of Defense Base Closure
17 Account to the fund established by section 1013(d) of the
18 Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act
19 of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 3374) to pay for expenses associated
20 with the Homeowners Assistance Program incurred under
21 42 U.S.C. 3374(a)(1)(A). Any amounts transferred shall
22 be merged with and be available for the same purposes
23 and for the same time period as the fund to which trans-
24 ferred.

1 SEC. 119. Notwithstanding any other provision of
2 law, funds made available in this title for operation and
3 maintenance of family housing shall be the exclusive
4 source of funds for repair and maintenance of all family
5 housing units, including general or flag officer quarters:
6 *Provided*, That not more than \$20,000 per unit may be
7 spent annually for the maintenance and repair of any gen-
8 eral or flag officer quarters without 30 days prior notifica-
9 tion, or 14 days for a notification provided in an electronic
10 medium pursuant to sections 480 and 2883 of title 10,
11 United States Code, to the Committees on Appropriations
12 of both Houses of Congress, except that an after-the-fact
13 notification shall be submitted if the limitation is exceeded
14 solely due to costs associated with environmental remedi-
15 ation that could not be reasonably anticipated at the time
16 of the budget submission: *Provided further*, That the
17 Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) is to report an-
18 nually to the Committees on Appropriations of both
19 Houses of Congress all operation and maintenance ex-
20 penditures for each individual general or flag officer quar-
21 ters for the prior fiscal year.

22 SEC. 120. Amounts contained in the Ford Island Im-
23 provement Account established by subsection (h) of sec-
24 tion 2814 of title 10, United States Code, are appro-
25 priated and shall be available until expended for the pur-

1 poses specified in subsection (i)(1) of such section or until
2 transferred pursuant to subsection (i)(3) of such section.

3 SEC. 121. During the 5-year period after appropria-
4 tions available in this Act to the Department of Defense
5 for military construction and family housing operation and
6 maintenance and construction have expired for obligation,
7 upon a determination that such appropriations will not be
8 necessary for the liquidation of obligations or for making
9 authorized adjustments to such appropriations for obliga-
10 tions incurred during the period of availability of such ap-
11 propriations, unobligated balances of such appropriations
12 may be transferred into the appropriation “Foreign Cur-
13 rency Fluctuations, Construction, Defense”, to be merged
14 with and to be available for the same time period and for
15 the same purposes as the appropriation to which trans-
16 ferred.

17 SEC. 122. Amounts appropriated or otherwise made
18 available in an account funded under the headings in this
19 title may be transferred among projects and activities
20 within the account in accordance with the reprogramming
21 guidelines for military construction and family housing
22 construction contained in Department of Defense Finan-
23 cial Management Regulation 7000.14–R, Volume 3, Chap-
24 ter 7, of *April* 2021, as in effect on the date of enactment
25 of this Act.

1 SEC. 123. None of the funds made available in this
2 title may be obligated or expended for planning and design
3 and construction of projects at Arlington National Ceme-
4 tery.

5 SEC. 124. For an additional amount for the accounts
6 and in the amounts specified, to remain available until
7 September 30, 2030:

8 “Military Construction, Army”, \$100,000,000;

9 “Military Construction, Navy and Marine
10 Corps”, \$100,000,000;

11 “Military Construction, Air Force”,
12 \$100,000,000;

13 “Military Construction, Army National Guard”,
14 \$40,000,000;

15 “Military Construction, Air National Guard”,
16 \$80,000,000;

17 “Military Construction, Army Reserve”,
18 \$40,000,000;

19 “Military Construction, Air Force Reserve”,
20 \$40,000,000; and

21 *Provided*, That such funds may only be obligated to carry
22 out construction and cost to complete projects identified
23 in the respective military department’s unfunded priority
24 list for fiscal year 2025 or fiscal year 2026 submitted to
25 Congress: *Provided further*, That such projects are subject

1 to authorization prior to obligation and expenditure of
2 funds to carry out construction: *Provided further*, That not
3 later than 60 days after enactment of this Act, the Sec-
4 retary of the military department concerned, or their des-
5 ignee, shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations
6 of both Houses of Congress an expenditure plan for funds
7 provided under this section.

8 SEC. 125. All amounts appropriated to the “Depart-
9 ment of Defense—Military Construction, Army”, “De-
10 partment of Defense—Military Construction, Navy and
11 Marine Corps”, “Department of Defense—Military Con-
12 struction, Air Force”, and “Department of Defense—Mili-
13 tary Construction, Defense-Wide” accounts pursuant to
14 the authorization of appropriations in a National Defense
15 Authorization Act specified for fiscal year 2026 in the
16 funding table in section 4601 of that Act shall be imme-
17 diately available and allotted to contract for the full scope
18 of authorized projects.

19 SEC. 126. Notwithstanding section 116 of this Act,
20 funds made available in this Act or any available unobli-
21 gated balances from prior appropriations Acts may be obli-
22 gated before October 1, 2027, for fiscal year 2017, 2018,
23 2019, and 2020 military construction projects for which
24 project authorization has not lapsed or for which author-
25 ization is extended for fiscal year 2026 by a National De-

1 fense Authorization Act: *Provided*, That no amounts may
2 be obligated pursuant to this section from amounts that
3 were designated by the Congress as an emergency require-
4 ment pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget
5 or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control
6 Act of 1985.

7 SEC. 127. For the purposes of this Act, the term
8 “congressional defense committees” means the Commit-
9 tees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives
10 and the Senate, the Subcommittee on Military Construc-
11 tion and Veterans Affairs of the Committee on Appropria-
12 tions of the Senate, and the Subcommittee on Military
13 Construction and Veterans Affairs of the Committee on
14 Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

15 SEC. 128. For an additional amount for the accounts
16 and in the amounts specified for planning and design and
17 for construction improvements to Department of Defense
18 laboratory facilities, to remain available until September
19 30, 2030:

20 “Military Construction, Army”\$35,000,000;

21 “Military Construction, Navy and Marine
22 Corps”, \$35,000,000; and

23 “Military Construction, Air Force”,
24 \$35,000,000:

1 *Provided*, That not later than 60 days after enactment of
2 this Act, the Secretary of the military department con-
3 cerned, or their designee, shall submit to the Committees
4 on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress an expendi-
5 ture plan for funds provided under this section: *Provided*
6 *further*, That the Secretary of the military department
7 concerned may not obligate or expend any funds prior to
8 approval by the Committees on Appropriations of both
9 Houses of Congress of the expenditure plan required by
10 this section.

11 SEC. 129. For an additional amount for the accounts
12 and in the amounts specified for planning and design, for
13 child development centers, to remain available until Sep-
14 tember 30, 2030:

15 “Military Construction, Army”, \$25,000,000;
16 “Military Construction, Navy and Marine
17 Corps”, \$25,000,000; and
18 “Military Construction, Air Force”,
19 \$25,000,000:

20 *Provided*, That not later than 60 days after the date of
21 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the military de-
22 partment concerned, or their designee, shall submit to the
23 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress
24 an expenditure plan for funds provided under this section.

1 SEC. 130. For an additional amount for the accounts
2 and amounts specified for planning and design, for bar-
3 racks, to remain available until September 30, 2030:

4 “Military Construction, Army”, \$25,000,000;

5 “Military Construction, Navy and Marine
6 Corps”, \$25,000,000; and

7 “Military Construction, Air Force”,
8 \$25,000,000:

9 *Provided*, That not later than 60 days after the date of
10 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the military de-
11 partment concerned, or their designee, shall submit to the
12 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress
13 an expenditure plan for funds provided under this section.

14 SEC. 131. For an additional amount for the accounts
15 and in the amounts specified for unspecified minor con-
16 struction for demolition, to remain available until Sep-
17 tember 30, 2029:

18 “Military Construction, Army”, \$25,000,000;

19 “Military Construction, Navy and Marine
20 Corps”, \$25,000,000;

21 “Military Construction, Air Force”,
22 \$25,000,000;

23 *Provided*, That not later than 60 days after the date of
24 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the military de-
25 partment concerned, or their designee, shall submit to the

1 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress
2 an expenditure plan for funds provided under this section:
3 *Provided further*, That the Secretary of the military de-
4 partment concerned may not obligate or expend any funds
5 prior to approval by the Committees on Appropriations of
6 both Houses of Congress of the expenditure plan required
7 by this section.

8 SEC. 132. None of the funds made available by this
9 Act may be used to carry out the closure or realignment
10 of the United States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay,
11 Cuba.

1 TITLE II
2 DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
3 VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION
4 COMPENSATION AND PENSIONS
5 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

6 For the payment of compensation benefits to or on
7 behalf of veterans and a pilot program for disability ex-
8 aminations as authorized by section 107 and chapters 11,
9 13, 18, 51, 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United States Code;
10 pension benefits to or on behalf of veterans as authorized
11 by chapters 15, 51, 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United
12 States Code; and burial benefits, the Reinstated Entitle-
13 ment Program for Survivors, emergency and other offi-
14 cers' retirement pay, adjusted-service credits and certifi-
15 cates, payment of premiums due on commercial life insur-
16 ance policies guaranteed under the provisions of title IV
17 of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C. App.
18 541 et seq.) and for other benefits as authorized by sec-
19 tions 107, 1312, 1977, and 2106, and chapters 23, 51,
20 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United States Code,
21 \$241,947,603,000 which shall become available on Octo-
22 ber 1, 2026, to remain available until expended: *Provided*,
23 That not to exceed \$29,454,647 of the amount made avail-
24 able for fiscal year 2027 under this heading shall be reim-
25 bursed to "General Operating Expenses, Veterans Bene-

1 fits Administration”, and “Information Technology Sys-
 2 tems” for necessary expenses in implementing the provi-
 3 sions of chapters 51, 53, and 55 of title 38, United States
 4 Code, the funding source for which is specifically provided
 5 as the “Compensation and Pensions” appropriation: *Pro-*
 6 *vided further*, That such sums as may be earned on an
 7 actual qualifying patient basis, shall be reimbursed to
 8 “Medical Care Collections Fund” to augment the funding
 9 of individual medical facilities for nursing home care pro-
 10 vided to pensioners as authorized.

11 READJUSTMENT BENEFITS

12 For the payment of readjustment and rehabilitation
 13 benefits to or on behalf of veterans as authorized by chap-
 14 ters 21, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, 39, 41, 51, 53, 55, and
 15 61 of title 38, United States Code, \$20,057,841,000,
 16 which shall become available on October 1, 2026, to re-
 17 main available until expended: *Provided*, That expenses for
 18 rehabilitation program services and assistance which the
 19 Secretary is authorized to provide under subsection (a) of
 20 section 3104 of title 38, United States Code, other than
 21 under paragraphs (1), (2), (5), and (11) of that sub-
 22 section, shall be charged to this account.

23 VETERANS INSURANCE AND INDEMNITIES

24 For military and naval insurance, national service life
 25 insurance, servicemen’s indemnities, service-disabled vet-

1 erans insurance, and veterans mortgage life insurance as
2 authorized by chapters 19 and 21 of title 38, United
3 States Code, \$97,893,000, which shall become available
4 on October 1, 2026, to remain available until expended.

5 VETERANS HOUSING BENEFIT PROGRAM FUND

6 For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans, such
7 sums as may be necessary to carry out the program, as
8 authorized by subchapters I through III of chapter 37 of
9 title 38, United States Code: *Provided*, That such costs,
10 including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as de-
11 fined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of
12 1974: *Provided further*, That, during fiscal year 2026,
13 within the resources available, not to exceed \$500,000 in
14 gross obligations for direct loans are authorized for spe-
15 cially adapted housing loans.

16 In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out
17 the direct and guaranteed loan programs, \$266,736,842.

18 VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

19 For the cost of direct loans, \$45,428, as authorized
20 by chapter 31 of title 38, United States Code: *Provided*,
21 That such costs, including the cost of modifying such
22 loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congres-
23 sional Budget Act of 1974: *Provided further*, That funds
24 made available under this heading are available to sub-

1 subsidize gross obligations for the principal amount of direct
2 loans not to exceed \$1,394,442.

3 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to
4 carry out the direct loan program, \$507,254, which may
5 be paid to the appropriation for “General Operating Ex-
6 penses, Veterans Benefits Administration”.

7 NATIVE AMERICAN VETERAN HOUSING LOAN PROGRAM
8 ACCOUNT

9 For the principal amount of direct loans, \$6,865,235,
10 as authorized by subchapter V of chapter 37 of title 38,
11 United States Code: *Provided*, That such costs, including
12 the cost of modifying such loans, shall be defined in sec-
13 tion 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974: *Pro-*
14 *vided further*, That funds made available under this head-
15 ing are available to subsidize gross obligations for the
16 principal amount of the direct loans not to exceed
17 \$75,000,000.

18 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to
19 carry out the direct loan program, \$5,007,265, which shall
20 be paid as appropriate to the appropriations for “General
21 Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration”
22 and “General Administration”.

1 GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES, VETERANS BENEFITS
2 ADMINISTRATION

3 For necessary operating expenses of the Veterans
4 Benefits Administration, not otherwise provided for, in-
5 cluding hire of passenger motor vehicles, reimbursement
6 of the General Services Administration for security guard
7 services, and reimbursement of the Department of De-
8 fense for the cost of overseas employee mail,
9 \$3,876,425,000: *Provided*, That expenses for services and
10 assistance authorized under paragraphs (1), (2), (5), and
11 (11) of section 3104(a) of title 38, United States Code,
12 that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs determines are nec-
13 essary to enable entitled veterans: (1) to the maximum ex-
14 tent feasible, to become employable and to obtain and
15 maintain suitable employment; or (2) to achieve maximum
16 independence in daily living, shall be charged to this ac-
17 count: *Provided further*, That, of the funds made available
18 under this heading, not to exceed 10 percent shall remain
19 available until September 30, 2027.

20 VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

21 MEDICAL SERVICES

22 For necessary expenses for furnishing, as authorized
23 by law, inpatient and outpatient care and treatment to
24 beneficiaries of the Department of Veterans Affairs and
25 veterans described in section 1705(a) of title 38, United

1 States Code, including care and treatment in facilities not
2 under the jurisdiction of the Department, and including
3 medical supplies and equipment, bioengineering services,
4 food services, and salaries and expenses of healthcare em-
5 ployees hired under title 38, United States Code, assist-
6 ance and support services for caregivers as authorized by
7 section 1720G of title 38, United States Code, loan repay-
8 ments authorized by section 604 of the Caregivers and
9 Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2010 (Public
10 Law 111–163; 124 Stat. 1174; 38 U.S.C. 7681 note),
11 monthly assistance allowances authorized by section
12 322(d) of title 38, United States Code, grants authorized
13 by section 521A of title 38, United States Code, and ad-
14 ministrative expenses necessary to carry out sections
15 322(d) and 521A of title 38, United States Code, and hos-
16 pital care and medical services authorized by section 1787
17 of title 38, United States Code; \$59,858,000,000, plus re-
18 imbursements, shall become available on October 1, 2026,
19 and shall remain available until September 30, 2027: *Pro-*
20 *vided*, That of the amount made available on October 1,
21 2026, under this heading, \$2,000,000,000 shall remain
22 available until September 30, 2028: *Provided further*, That
23 notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary
24 of Veterans Affairs shall establish a priority for the provi-
25 sion of medical treatment for veterans who have service-

1 connected disabilities, lower income, or have special needs:
2 *Provided further*, That notwithstanding any other provi-
3 sion of law, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall give
4 priority funding for the provision of basic medical benefits
5 to veterans in enrollment priority groups 1 through 6: *Pro-*
6 *vided further*, That notwithstanding any other provision of
7 law, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs may authorize the
8 dispensing of prescription drugs from Veterans Health
9 Administration facilities to enrolled veterans with privately
10 written prescriptions based on requirements established by
11 the Secretary: *Provided further*, That the implementation
12 of the program described in the previous proviso shall
13 incur no additional cost to the Department of Veterans
14 Affairs: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of Veterans
15 Affairs shall ensure that sufficient amounts appropriated
16 under this heading for medical supplies and equipment are
17 available for the acquisition of prosthetics designed specifi-
18 cally for female veterans: *Provided further*, That nothing
19 in section 2044(e)(1) of title 38, United States Code, may
20 be construed as limiting amounts that may be made avail-
21 able under this heading for fiscal years 2026 and 2027
22 in this or prior Acts.

23 MEDICAL COMMUNITY CARE

24 For necessary expenses for furnishing health care to
25 individuals pursuant to chapter 17 of title 38, United

1 States Code, at non-Department facilities, \$3,000,000,000
2 to remain available until September 30, 2027; and in addi-
3 tion \$38,700,000,000, plus reimbursements, shall become
4 available on October 1, 2026, and shall remain available
5 until September 30, 2027: *Provided*, That, of the amount
6 made available on October 1, 2026, under this heading,
7 \$2,000,000,000 shall remain available until September 30,
8 2028. *Provided further*, That of the \$34,000,000,000 that
9 became available on October 1, 2025, previously appro-
10 priated under this heading in the Full-Year Continuing
11 Appropriations Act, 2025 (division A of P.L. 119-4),
12 \$3,000,000,000 is hereby permanently cancelled.

13 MEDICAL SUPPORT AND COMPLIANCE

14 For necessary expenses in the administration of the
15 medical, hospital, nursing home, domiciliary, construction,
16 supply, and research activities, as authorized by law; ad-
17 ministrative expenses in support of capital policy activi-
18 ties; and administrative and legal expenses of the Depart-
19 ment for collecting and recovering amounts owed the De-
20 partment as authorized under chapter 17 of title 38,
21 United States Code, and the Federal Medical Care Recov-
22 ery Act (42 U.S.C. 2651 et seq.), \$12,000,000,000, plus
23 reimbursements, shall become available on October 1,
24 2026, and shall remain available until September 30,
25 2027: *Provided*, That, of the amount made available on

1 October 1, 2026, under this heading, \$350,000,000 shall
2 remain available until September 30, 2028.

3 MEDICAL FACILITIES

4 For necessary expenses for the maintenance and op-
5 eration of hospitals, nursing homes, domiciliary facilities,
6 and other necessary facilities of the Veterans Health Ad-
7 ministration; for administrative expenses in support of
8 planning, design, project management, real property ac-
9 quisition and disposition, construction, and renovation of
10 any facility under the jurisdiction or for the use of the
11 Department; for oversight, engineering, and architectural
12 activities not charged to project costs; for repairing, alter-
13 ing, improving, or providing facilities in the several hos-
14 pitals and homes under the jurisdiction of the Depart-
15 ment, not otherwise provided for, either by contract or by
16 the hire of temporary employees and purchase of mate-
17 rials; for leases of facilities; and for laundry services;
18 \$11,700,000,000, plus reimbursements, shall become
19 available on October 1, 2026, and shall remain available
20 until September 30, 2027: *Provided*, That of the amount
21 made available on October 1, 2026, under this heading,
22 \$500,000,000 shall remain available until September 30,
23 2028.

1 BRIDGING RENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR VETERAN
2 EMPOWERMENT

3 Contingent upon enactment of authorizing legislation
4 to create a rental assistance voucher program for homeless
5 veterans at the Department of Veterans Affairs, for nec-
6 essary expenses to carry out the Bridging Rental Assist-
7 ance for Veteran Empowerment program, \$970,000,000
8 to remain available until September 30, 2029, of which
9 up to \$75,000,000 shall be available to the Secretary of
10 Veterans Affairs to carry out pilot programs, including
11 any necessary administrative expenses, that aim to end
12 homelessness among veterans.

13 MEDICAL AND PROSTHETIC RESEARCH

14 For necessary expenses in carrying out programs of
15 medical and prosthetic research and development as au-
16 thorized by chapter 73 of title 38, United States Code,
17 \$943,000,000, plus reimbursements, shall remain avail-
18 able until September 30, 2027: *Provided*, That the Sec-
19 retary of Veterans Affairs shall ensure that sufficient
20 amounts appropriated under this heading are available for
21 prosthetic research specifically for female veterans, and
22 for toxic exposure research.

23 NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION

24 For necessary expenses of the National Cemetery Ad-
25 ministration for operations and maintenance, not other-

1 wise provided for, including uniforms or allowances there-
2 for; cemeterial expenses as authorized by law; purchase
3 of one passenger motor vehicle for use in cemeterial oper-
4 ations; hire of passenger motor vehicles; and repair, alter-
5 ation or improvement of facilities under the jurisdiction
6 of the National Cemetery Administration, \$497,000,000,
7 of which not to exceed 10 percent shall remain available
8 until September 30, 2027.

9 DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

10 GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

11 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

12 For necessary operating expenses of the Department
13 of Veterans Affairs, not otherwise provided for, including
14 administrative expenses in support of Department-wide
15 capital planning, management and policy activities, uni-
16 forms, or allowances therefor; not to exceed \$25,000 for
17 official reception and representation expenses; hire of pas-
18 senger motor vehicles; and reimbursement of the General
19 Services Administration for security guard services,
20 \$450,000,000, of which not to exceed 10 percent shall re-
21 main available until September 30, 2027: *Provided*, That
22 funds provided under this heading may be transferred to
23 “General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Adminis-
24 tration”.

1 BOARD OF VETERANS APPEALS

2 For necessary operating expenses of the Board of
3 Veterans Appeals, \$287,000,000 of which not to exceed
4 10 percent shall remain available until September 30,
5 2027.

6 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS

7 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

8 For necessary expenses for information technology
9 systems and telecommunications support, including devel-
10 opmental information systems and operational information
11 systems; for pay and associated costs; and for the capital
12 asset acquisition of information technology systems, in-
13 cluding management and related contractual costs of said
14 acquisitions, including contractual costs associated with
15 operations authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United
16 States Code, \$5,882,000,000, plus reimbursements: *Pro-*
17 *vided*, That \$1,350,000,000 shall be for pay and associ-
18 ated costs, of which not to exceed 3 percent shall remain
19 available until September 30, 2027: *Provided further*, That
20 \$4,531,000,000 shall be for operations and maintenance,
21 of which not to exceed 5 percent shall remain available
22 until September 30, 2027, and of which \$118,900,000
23 shall remain available until September 30, 2030, for the
24 purpose of facility activations related to projects funded
25 by the “Construction, Major Projects”, “Construction,

1 Minor Projects”, “Medical Facilities”, “National Ceme-
2 tery Administration”, “General Operating Expenses, Vet-
3 erans Benefit Administration”, and “General Administra-
4 tion” accounts: *Provided further*, That \$1,000,000 shall
5 be for information technology systems development, and
6 shall remain available until September 30, 2027: *Provided*
7 *further*, That amounts made available for salaries and ex-
8 penses, operations and maintenance, and information
9 technology systems development may be transferred
10 among the three subaccounts after the Secretary of Vet-
11 erans Affairs requests from the Committees on Appropria-
12 tions of both Houses of Congress the authority to make
13 the transfer and an approval is issued: *Provided further*,
14 That amounts made available for the “Information Tech-
15 nology Systems” account for development may be trans-
16 ferred among projects or to newly defined projects: *Pro-*
17 *vided further*, That no project may be increased or de-
18 creased by more than \$3,000,000 of cost prior to submit-
19 ting a request to the Committees on Appropriations of
20 both Houses of Congress to make the transfer and an ap-
21 proval is issued, or absent a response, a period of 30 days
22 has elapsed: *Provided further*, That the funds made avail-
23 able under this heading for information technology sys-
24 tems development shall be for the projects, and in the
25 amounts, specified in the table entitled “Information

1 Technology Development Projects” under this heading in
2 the report accompanying this Act.

3 VETERANS ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD

4 For activities related to implementation, preparation,
5 development, interface, management, rollout, and mainte-
6 nance of a Veterans Electronic Health Record system, in-
7 cluding contractual costs associated with operations au-
8 thorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code,
9 and salaries and expenses of employees hired under titles
10 5 and 38, United States Code, \$2,515,893,000, to remain
11 available until September 30, 2028: *Provided*, That the
12 Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Commit-
13 tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress quar-
14 terly reports detailing obligations, expenditures, and de-
15 ployment implementation by facility, including any
16 changes from the deployment plan or schedule: *Provided*
17 *further*, That the funds provided in this account shall only
18 be available to the Office of the Deputy Secretary, to be
19 administered by that Office: *Provided further*, That 25
20 percent of the funds made available under this heading
21 shall not be available until July 1, 2026, and are contin-
22 gent upon the Secretary of Veterans Affairs—

23 (1) providing the Committees on Appropriations
24 certifying and detailing any changes to the full de-

1 ployment schedule, no later than 60 days prior to
2 July 1, 2027; and

3 (2) certifying in writing no later than 30 days
4 prior to July 1, 2027, the following—

5 (A) the status of issues included in the re-
6 port referenced in paragraph (1), including
7 issues that have not been closed but have been
8 suitably resolved or mitigated in a manner that
9 will enhance provider productivity and minimize
10 the potential for patient harm; and

11 (B) whether the system is stable, and opti-
12 mized for further deployment at VA sites.

13 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

14 For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector
15 General, to include information technology, in carrying out
16 the provisions of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5
17 U.S.C. App.), \$295,000,000, of which not to exceed 10
18 percent shall remain available until September 30, 2027.

19 CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR PROJECTS

20 For constructing, altering, extending, and improving
21 any of the facilities, including parking projects, under the
22 jurisdiction or for the use of the Department of Veterans
23 Affairs, or for any of the purposes set forth in sections
24 316, 2404, 2406 and chapter 81 of title 38, United States
25 Code, not otherwise provided for, including planning, ar-

1 chitectural and engineering services, construction manage-
2 ment services, maintenance or guarantee period services
3 costs associated with equipment guarantees provided
4 under the project, services of claims analysts, offsite utility
5 and storm drainage system construction costs, and site ac-
6 quisition, where the estimated cost of a project is more
7 than the amount set forth in section 8104(a)(3)(A) of title
8 38, United States Code, or where funds for a project were
9 made available in a previous major project appropriation,
10 \$1,750,000,000, which shall remain available until Sep-
11 tember 30, 2030: *Provided*, That except for advance plan-
12 ning activities, including needs assessments which may or
13 may not lead to capital investments, and other capital
14 asset management related activities, including portfolio
15 development and management activities, and planning,
16 cost estimating, and design for major medical facility
17 projects and major medical facility leases and investment
18 strategy studies funded through the advance planning
19 fund and the planning and design activities funded
20 through the design fund, staffing expenses, and funds pro-
21 vided for the purchase, security, and maintenance of land
22 for the National Cemetery Administration and the Vet-
23 erans Health Administration through the land acquisition
24 line item, none of the funds made available under this
25 heading shall be used for any project that has not been

1 notified to Congress through the budgetary process or that
2 has not been approved by the Congress through statute,
3 joint resolution, or in the explanatory statement accom-
4 panying such Act and presented to the President at the
5 time of enrollment: *Provided further*, That funds provided
6 for the Veterans Health Administration through the land
7 acquisition line item shall only be for projects included on
8 the five year development plan notified to Congress
9 through the budgetary process: *Provided further*, That
10 such sums as may be necessary shall be available to reim-
11 burse the “General Administration” account for payment
12 of salaries and expenses of all Office of Construction and
13 Facilities Management employees to support the full range
14 of capital infrastructure services provided, including minor
15 construction and leasing services: *Provided further*, That
16 funds made available under this heading for fiscal year
17 2026, for each approved project shall be obligated: (1) by
18 the awarding of a construction documents contract by
19 September 30, 2026; and (2) by the awarding of a con-
20 struction contract by September 30, 2027: *Provided fur-*
21 *ther*, That the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall promptly
22 submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both
23 Houses of Congress a written report on any approved
24 major construction project for which obligations are not
25 incurred within the time limitations established above.

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, \$232,000,000, of which \$200,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2030, and of which \$32,000,000 shall remain available until expended, 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

1 of the Department which are necessary because of loss or
2 damage caused by any natural disaster or catastrophe;
3 and (2) temporary measures necessary to prevent or to
4 minimize further loss by such causes.

5 GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STATE EXTENDED CARE
6 FACILITIES

7 For grants to assist States to acquire or construct
8 State nursing home and domiciliary facilities and to re-
9 model, modify, or alter existing hospital, nursing home,
10 and domiciliary facilities in State homes, for furnishing
11 care to veterans as authorized by sections 8131 through
12 8137 of title 38, United States Code, \$171,000,000, to
13 remain available until expended.

14 GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF VETERANS CEMETERIES

15 For grants to assist States and tribal organizations
16 in establishing, expanding, or improving veterans ceme-
17 teries as authorized by section 2408 of title 38, United
18 States Code, \$60,000,000, to remain available until ex-
19 pended.

20 COST OF WAR TOXIC EXPOSURES FUND

21 For investment in the delivery of veterans' health
22 care associated with exposure to environmental hazards,
23 the expenses incident to the delivery of veterans' health
24 care and benefits associated with exposure to environ-
25 mental hazards, and medical and other research relating

1 to exposure to environmental hazards, as authorized by
2 section 324 of title 38, United States Code, and in addi-
3 tion to the amounts otherwise available for such purposes
4 in the appropriations provided in this or prior Acts,
5 \$52,676,000,000, which shall become available on October
6 1, 2025, and shall remain available until expended; and,
7 in addition, \$51,742,000,000, which shall become avail-
8 able on October 1, 2026, and shall remain available until
9 September 30, 2028.

10 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

11 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

12 SEC. 201. Any appropriation for fiscal year 2026 for
13 “Compensation and Pensions”, “Readjustment Benefits”,
14 and “Veterans Insurance and Indemnities” may be trans-
15 ferred as necessary to any other of the mentioned appro-
16 priations: *Provided*, That, before a transfer may take
17 place, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall request from
18 the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-
19 gress the authority to make the transfer and such Com-
20 mittees issue an approval, or absent a response, a period
21 of 30 days has elapsed.

22 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

23 SEC. 202. Amounts made available for the Depart-
24 ment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2026, in this or
25 any other Act, under the “Medical Services”, “Medical

1 Community Care”, “Medical Support and Compliance”,
2 and “Medical Facilities” accounts may be transferred
3 among the accounts: *Provided*, That any transfers among
4 the “Medical Services”, “Medical Community Care”, and
5 “Medical Support and Compliance” accounts of 1 percent
6 or less of the total amount appropriated to the account
7 in this or any other Act may take place subject to notifica-
8 tion from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to the Com-
9 mittees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of
10 the amount and purpose of the transfer: *Provided further*,
11 That any transfers among the “Medical Services”, “Med-
12 ical Community Care”, and “Medical Support and Compli-
13 ance” accounts in excess of 1 percent, or exceeding the
14 cumulative 1 percent for the fiscal year, may take place
15 only after the Secretary requests from the Committees on
16 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress the authority
17 to make the transfer and an approval is issued: *Provided*
18 *further*, That any transfers to or from the “Medical Facili-
19 ties” account may take place only after the Secretary re-
20 quests from the Committees on Appropriations of both
21 Houses of Congress the authority to make the transfer
22 and an approval is issued.

23 SEC. 203. Appropriations available in this title for
24 salaries and expenses shall be available for services au-
25 thorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code;

1 hire of passenger motor vehicles; lease of a facility or land
2 or both; and uniforms or allowances therefore, as author-
3 ized by sections 5901 through 5902 of title 5, United
4 States Code.

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

10 SEC. 205. No appropriations in this title shall be
11 available for hospitalization or examination of any persons
12 (except beneficiaries entitled to such hospitalization or ex-
13 amination under the laws providing such benefits to vet-
14 erans, and persons receiving such treatment under sec-
15 tions 7901 through 7904 of title 5, United States Code,
16 or the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency
17 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.)), unless reim-
18 bursement of the cost of such hospitalization or examina-
19 tion is made to the “Medical Services” account at such
20 rates as may be fixed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

21 SEC. 206. Appropriations available in this title for
22 “Compensation and Pensions”, “Readjustment Benefits”,
23 and “Veterans Insurance and Indemnities” shall be avail-
24 able for payment of prior year accrued obligations re-
25 quired to be recorded by law against the corresponding

1 prior year accounts within the last quarter of fiscal year
2 2025.

3 SEC. 207. Appropriations available in this title shall
4 be available to pay prior year obligations of corresponding
5 prior year appropriations accounts resulting from sections
6 3328(a), 3334, and 3712(a) of title 31, United States
7 Code, except that if such obligations are from trust fund
8 accounts they shall be payable only from “Compensation
9 and Pensions”.

10 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

11 SEC. 208. Notwithstanding any other provision of
12 law, during fiscal year 2026, the Secretary of Veterans
13 Affairs shall, from the National Service Life Insurance
14 Fund under section 1920 of title 38, United States Code,
15 the Veterans’ Special Life Insurance Fund under section
16 1923 of title 38, United States Code, and the United
17 States Government Life Insurance Fund under section
18 1955 of title 38, United States Code, reimburse the “Gen-
19 eral Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administra-
20 tion” and “Information Technology Systems” accounts for
21 the cost of administration of the insurance programs fi-
22 nanced through those accounts: *Provided*, That reimburse-
23 ment shall be made only from the surplus earnings accu-
24 mulated in such an insurance program during fiscal year
25 2025 that are available for dividends in that program after

1 claims have been paid and actuarially determined reserves
2 have been set aside: *Provided further*, That if the cost of
3 administration of such an insurance program exceeds the
4 amount of surplus earnings accumulated in that program,
5 reimbursement shall be made only to the extent of such
6 surplus earnings: *Provided further*, That the Secretary
7 shall determine the cost of administration for fiscal year
8 2025 which is properly allocable to the provision of each
9 such insurance program and to the provision of any total
10 disability income insurance included in that insurance pro-
11 gram.

12 SEC. 209. Amounts deducted from enhanced-use
13 lease proceeds to reimburse an account for expenses in-
14 curred by that account during a prior fiscal year for pro-
15 viding enhanced-use lease services shall be available until
16 expended.

17 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

18 SEC. 210. Funds available in this title or funds for
19 salaries and other administrative expenses shall also be
20 available to reimburse the Office of Resolution Manage-
21 ment, the Office of Employment Discrimination Complaint
22 Adjudication, and the Alternative Dispute Resolution
23 function within the Office of Human Resources and Ad-
24 ministration for all services provided at rates which will
25 recover actual costs but not to exceed \$134,343,000 for

1 the Office of Resolution Management, \$7,607,000 for the
2 Office of Employment Discrimination Complaint Adju-
3 dication, and \$7,686,000 for the Alternative Dispute Res-
4 olution function within the Office of Human Resources
5 and Administration: *Provided*, That payments may be
6 made in advance for services to be furnished based on esti-
7 mated costs: *Provided further*, That amounts received shall
8 be credited to the “General Administration” and “Infor-
9 mation Technology Systems” accounts for use by the of-
10 fice that provided the service.

11 SEC. 211. No funds of the Department of Veterans
12 Affairs shall be available for hospital care, nursing home
13 care, or medical services provided to any person under
14 chapter 17 of title 38, United States Code, for a non-serv-
15 ice-connected disability described in section 1729(a)(2) of
16 such title, unless that person has disclosed to the Sec-
17 retary of Veterans Affairs, in such form as the Secretary
18 may require, current, accurate third-party reimbursement
19 information for purposes of section 1729 of such title: *Pro-*
20 *vided*, That the Secretary may recover, in the same man-
21 ner as any other debt due the United States, the reason-
22 able charges for such care or services from any person who
23 does not make such disclosure as required: *Provided fur-*
24 *ther*, That any amounts so recovered for care or services
25 provided in a prior fiscal year may be obligated by the

1 Secretary during the fiscal year in which amounts are re-
2 ceived.

3 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

4 SEC. 212. Notwithstanding any other provision of
5 law, proceeds or revenues derived from enhanced-use leas-
6 ing activities (including disposal) may be deposited into
7 the “Construction, Major Projects” and “Construction,
8 Minor Projects” accounts and be used for construction
9 (including site acquisition and disposition), alterations,
10 and improvements of any medical facility under the juris-
11 diction or for the use of the Department of Veterans Af-
12 fairs. Such sums as realized are in addition to the amount
13 provided for in “Construction, Major Projects” and “Con-
14 struction, Minor Projects”.

15 SEC. 213. Amounts made available under “Medical
16 Services” are available—

17 (1) for furnishing recreational facilities, sup-
18 plies, and equipment; and

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

22 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

23 SEC. 214. Such sums as may be deposited into the
24 Medical Care Collections Fund pursuant to section 1729A
25 of title 38, United States Code, may be transferred to the

1 “Medical Services” and “Medical Community Care” ac-
2 counts to remain available until expended for the purposes
3 of these accounts.

4 SEC. 215. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may
5 enter into agreements with Federally Qualified Health
6 Centers in the State of Alaska and Indian Tribes and
7 Tribal organizations which are party to the Alaska Native
8 Health Compact with the Indian Health Service, to pro-
9 vide healthcare, including behavioral health and dental
10 care, to veterans in rural Alaska. The Secretary shall re-
11 quire participating veterans and facilities to comply with
12 all appropriate rules and regulations, as established by the
13 Secretary. The term “rural Alaska” shall mean those
14 lands which are not within the boundaries of the munici-
15 pality of Anchorage or the Fairbanks North Star Borough.

16 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

17 SEC. 216. Such sums as may be deposited into the
18 Department of Veterans Affairs Capital Asset Fund pur-
19 suant to section 8118 of title 38, United States Code, may
20 be transferred to the “Construction, Major Projects” and
21 “Construction, Minor Projects” accounts, to remain avail-
22 able until expended for the purposes of these accounts.

23 SEC. 217. Not later than 30 days after the end of
24 each fiscal quarter, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
25 submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both

1 Houses of Congress a report on the financial status of the
2 Department of Veterans Affairs for the preceding quarter:
3 *Provided*, That, at a minimum, the report shall include
4 the direction contained in the paragraph entitled “Quar-
5 terly reporting”, under the heading “General Administra-
6 tion” in the joint explanatory statement accompanying
7 Public Law 114–223.

8 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

9 SEC. 218. Amounts made available under the “Med-
10 ical Services”, “Medical Community Care”, “Medical Sup-
11 port and Compliance”, “Medical Facilities”, “General Op-
12 erating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration”,
13 “Board of Veterans Appeals”, “General Administration”,
14 and “National Cemetery Administration” accounts for fis-
15 cal year 2026 may be transferred to or from the “Informa-
16 tion Technology Systems” account: *Provided*, That such
17 transfers may not result in a more than 10 percent aggre-
18 gate increase in the total amount made available by this
19 Act for the “Information Technology Systems” account:
20 *Provided further*, That, before a transfer may take place,
21 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall request from the
22 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress
23 the authority to make the transfer and an approval is
24 issued.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 219. Of the amounts appropriated to the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2026 for “Medical Services”, “Medical Community Care”, “Medical Support and Compliance”, “Medical Facilities”, “Construction, Minor Projects”, and “Information Technology Systems”, up to \$654,954,000, 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. 2571) 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 220 of title II of division A of Public Law 118–42, as continued by division A of Public Law 119–4 is repealed.

1 SEC. 220. Of the amounts appropriated to the De-
2 partment of Veterans Affairs which become available on
3 October 1, 2026, for “Medical Services”, “Medical Com-
4 munity Care”, “Medical Support and Compliance”, and
5 “Medical Facilities”, up to \$739,918,000, plus reimburse-
6 ments, may be transferred to the Joint Department of De-
7 fense—Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility
8 Demonstration Fund, established by section 1704 of the
9 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010
10 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 2571) and may be used
11 for operation of the facilities designated as combined Fed-
12 eral medical facilities as described by section 706 of the
13 Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for
14 Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500):
15 *Provided*, That additional funds may be transferred from
16 accounts designated in this section to the Joint Depart-
17 ment of Defense—Department of Veterans Affairs Med-
18 ical Facility Demonstration Fund upon written notifica-
19 tion by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to the Commit-
20 tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

21 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

22 SEC. 221. Such sums as may be deposited into the
23 Medical Care Collections Fund pursuant to section 1729A
24 of title 38, United States Code, for healthcare provided
25 at facilities designated as combined Federal medical facili-

1 ties as described by section 706 of the Duncan Hunter
2 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009
3 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500) shall also be avail-
4 able: (1) for transfer to the Joint Department of De-
5 fense—Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility
6 Demonstration Fund, established by section 1704 of the
7 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010
8 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 2571); and (2) for oper-
9 ations of the facilities designated as combined Federal
10 medical facilities as described by section 706 of the Dun-
11 can Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
12 Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500): *Pro-*
13 *vided*, That, notwithstanding section 1704(b)(3) of the
14 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010
15 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 2573), amounts trans-
16 ferred to the Joint Department of Defense—Department
17 of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund
18 shall remain available until expended.

19 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

20 SEC. 222. Of the amounts available in this title for
21 “Medical Services”, “Medical Community Care”, “Medical
22 Support and Compliance”, and “Medical Facilities”, a
23 minimum of \$15,000,000 shall be transferred to the
24 DOD–VA Health Care Sharing Incentive Fund, as au-
25 thorized by section 8111(d) of title 38, United States

1 Code, to remain available until expended, for any purpose
2 authorized by section 8111 of title 38, United States Code.

3 SEC. 223. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall no-
4 tify the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of
5 Congress of all bid savings in a major construction project
6 that total at least \$5,000,000, or 5 percent of the pro-
7 grammed amount of the project, whichever is less: *Pro-*
8 *vided*, That such notification shall occur within 14 days
9 of a contract identifying the programmed amount: *Pro-*
10 *vided further*, That the Secretary shall notify the Commit-
11 tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress 14
12 days prior to the obligation of such bid savings and shall
13 describe the anticipated use of such savings.

14 SEC. 224. None of the funds made available for
15 “Construction, Major Projects” may be used for a project
16 in excess of the scope specified for that project in the origi-
17 nal justification data provided to the Congress as part of
18 the request for appropriations unless the Secretary of Vet-
19 erans Affairs receives approval from the Committees on
20 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

21 SEC. 225. Not later than 30 days after the end of
22 each fiscal quarter, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
23 submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both
24 Houses of Congress a quarterly report containing perform-
25 ance measures and data from each Veterans Benefits Ad-

1 ministration Regional Office: *Provided*, That, at a min-
2 imum, the report shall include the direction contained in
3 the section entitled “Disability claims backlog”, under the
4 heading “General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits
5 Administration” in the joint explanatory statement accom-
6 panying Public Law 114–223: *Provided further*, That the
7 report shall also include information on the number of ap-
8 peals pending at the Veterans Benefits Administration as
9 well as the Board of Veterans Appeals on a quarterly
10 basis.

11 SEC. 226. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
12 provide written notification to the Committees on Appro-
13 priations of both Houses of Congress 15 days prior to or-
14 ganizational changes which result in the transfer of 25 or
15 more full-time equivalents from one organizational unit of
16 the Department of Veterans Affairs to another.

17 SEC. 227. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
18 provide on a quarterly basis to the Committees on Appro-
19 priations of both Houses of Congress notification of any
20 single national outreach and awareness marketing cam-
21 paign in which obligations exceed \$1,000,000.

22 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

23 SEC. 228. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, upon
24 determination that such action is necessary to address
25 needs of the Veterans Health Administration, may trans-

1 fer to the “Medical Services” account any discretionary
2 appropriations made available for fiscal year 2026 in this
3 title (except appropriations made to the “General Oper-
4 ating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration” ac-
5 count) or any discretionary unobligated balances within
6 the Department of Veterans Affairs, including those ap-
7 propriated for fiscal year 2026, that were provided in ad-
8 vance by appropriations Acts: *Provided*, That transfers
9 shall be made only with the approval of the Office of Man-
10 agement and Budget: *Provided further*, That the transfer
11 authority provided in this section is in addition to any
12 other transfer authority provided by law: *Provided further*,
13 That no amounts may be transferred from amounts that
14 were designated by Congress as an emergency requirement
15 pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget or the
16 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of
17 1985: *Provided further*, That such authority to transfer
18 may not be used unless for higher priority items, based
19 on emergent healthcare requirements, than those for
20 which originally appropriated and in no case where the
21 item for which funds are requested has been denied by
22 Congress: *Provided further*, That, upon determination that
23 all or part of the funds transferred from an appropriation
24 are not necessary, such amounts may be transferred back
25 to that appropriation and shall be available for the same

1 purposes as originally appropriated: *Provided further*,
2 That before a transfer may take place, the Secretary of
3 Veterans Affairs shall request from the Committees on
4 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress the authority
5 to make the transfer and receive approval of that request.

6 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

7 SEC. 229. Amounts made available for the Depart-
8 ment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2026, under the
9 “Board of Veterans Appeals” and the “General Operating
10 Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration” accounts
11 may be transferred between such accounts: *Provided*, That
12 before a transfer may take place, the Secretary of Vet-
13 erans Affairs shall request from the Committees on Appro-
14 priations of both Houses of Congress the authority to
15 make the transfer and receive approval of that request.

16 SEC. 230. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may not
17 reprogram funds among major construction projects or
18 programs if such instance of reprogramming will exceed
19 \$7,000,000, unless such reprogramming is approved by
20 the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-
21 gress.

22 SEC. 231. (a) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
23 ensure that the toll-free suicide hotline under section
24 1720F(h) of title 38, United States Code—

1 (1) provides to individuals who contact the hot-
2 line immediate assistance from a trained profes-
3 sional; and

4 (2) adheres to all requirements of the American
5 Association of Suicidology.

6 (b)(1) None of the funds made available by this Act
7 may be used to enforce or otherwise carry out any Execu-
8 tive action that prohibits the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
9 from appointing an individual to occupy a vacant civil
10 service position, or establishing a new civil service position,
11 at the Department of Veterans Affairs with respect to
12 such a position relating to the hotline specified in sub-
13 section (a).

14 (2) In this subsection—

15 (A) the term “civil service” has the meaning
16 given such term in section 2101(1) of title 5, United
17 States Code; and

18 (B) the term “Executive action” includes—

19 (i) any Executive order, Presidential
20 memorandum, or other action by the President;
21 and

22 (ii) any agency policy, order, or other di-
23 rective.

24 (c)(1) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall con-
25 duct a study on the effectiveness of the hotline specified

1 in subsection (a) during the 5-year period beginning on
2 January 1, 2016, based on an analysis of national suicide
3 data and data collected from such hotline.

4 (2) At a minimum, the study required by paragraph
5 (1) shall—

6 (A) determine the number of veterans who con-
7 tact the hotline specified in subsection (a) and who
8 receive follow up services from the hotline or mental
9 health services from the Department of Veterans Af-
10 fairs thereafter;

11 (B) determine the number of veterans who con-
12 tact the hotline who are not referred to, or do not
13 continue receiving, mental health care who commit
14 suicide; and

15 (C) determine the number of veterans described
16 in subparagraph (A) who commit or attempt suicide.

17 SEC. 232. Effective during the period beginning on
18 October 1, 2018, and ending on January 1, 2026, none
19 of the funds made available to the Secretary of Veterans
20 Affairs by this or any other Act may be obligated or ex-
21 pended in contravention of the “Veterans Health Adminis-
22 tration Clinical Preventive Services Guidance Statement
23 on the Veterans Health Administration’s Screening for
24 Breast Cancer Guidance” published on May 10, 2017, as

1 issued by the Veterans Health Administration National
2 Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention.

3 SEC. 233. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision
4 of law, the amounts appropriated or otherwise made avail-
5 able to the Department of Veterans Affairs for the “Med-
6 ical Services” account may be used to provide—

7 (1) fertility counseling and treatment using as-
8 sisted reproductive technology to a covered veteran
9 or the spouse of a covered veteran; or

10 (2) adoption reimbursement to a covered vet-
11 eran.

12 (b) In this section:

13 (1) The term “service-connected” has the
14 meaning given such term in section 101 of title 38,
15 United States Code.

16 (2) The term “covered veteran” means a vet-
17 eran, as such term is defined in section 101 of title
18 38, United States Code, who has a service-connected
19 disability that results in the inability of the veteran
20 to procreate without the use of fertility treatment.

21 (3) The term “assisted reproductive tech-
22 nology” means benefits relating to reproductive as-
23 sistance provided to a member of the Armed Forces
24 who incurs a serious injury or illness on active duty
25 pursuant to section 1074(c)(4)(A) of title 10, United

1 States Code, as described in the memorandum on
2 the subject of “Policy for Assisted Reproductive
3 Services for the Benefit of Seriously or Severely Ill/
4 Injured (Category II or III) Active Duty Service
5 Members” issued by the Assistant Secretary of De-
6 fense for Health Affairs on April 3, 2012, and the
7 guidance issued to implement such policy, including
8 any limitations on the amount of such benefits avail-
9 able to such a member except that—

10 (A) the time periods regarding embryo
11 cryopreservation and storage set forth in part
12 III(G) and in part IV(H) of such memorandum
13 shall not apply; and

14 (B) such term includes embryo
15 cryopreservation and storage without limitation
16 on the duration of such cryopreservation and
17 storage.

18 (4) The term “adoption reimbursement” means
19 reimbursement for the adoption-related expenses for
20 an adoption that is finalized after the date of the en-
21 actment of this Act under the same terms as apply
22 under the adoption reimbursement program of the
23 Department of Defense, as authorized in Depart-
24 ment of Defense Instruction 1341.09, including the

1 reimbursement limits and requirements set forth in
2 such instruction.

3 (c) Amounts made available for the purposes speci-
4 fied in subsection (a) of this section are subject to the
5 requirements for funds contained in section 508 of division
6 H of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public
7 Law 115–141).

8 SEC. 234. None of the funds appropriated or other-
9 wise made available by this Act or any other Act for the
10 Department of Veterans Affairs may be used in a manner
11 that is inconsistent with: (1) section 842 of the Transpor-
12 tation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, the
13 Judiciary, the District of Columbia, and Independent
14 Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 (Public Law 109–115;
15 119 Stat. 2506); or (2) section 8110(a)(5) of title 38,
16 United States Code.

17 SEC. 235. Section 842 of Public Law 109–115 shall
18 not apply to conversion of an activity or function of the
19 Veterans Health Administration, Veterans Benefits Ad-
20 ministration, or National Cemetery Administration to con-
21 tractor performance by a business concern that is at least
22 51 percent owned by one or more Indian Tribes as defined
23 in section 5304(e) of title 25, United States Code, or one
24 or more Native Hawaiian Organizations as defined in sec-
25 tion 637(a)(15) of title 15, United States Code.

1 SEC. 236. (a) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in
2 consultation with the Secretary of Defense and the Sec-
3 retary of Labor, shall discontinue using Social Security
4 account numbers to authenticate individuals in all infor-
5 mation systems of the Department of Veterans Affairs for
6 all individuals not later than September 30, 2026:

7 (b) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may collect and
8 use a Social Security account number to identify an indi-
9 vidual, in accordance with section 552a of title 5, United
10 States Code, in an information system of the Department
11 of Veterans Affairs if and only if the use of such number
12 is necessary to:

13 (1) obtain or provide information the Secretary
14 requires from an information system that is not
15 under the jurisdiction of the Secretary;

16 (2) comply with a law, regulation, or court
17 order;

18 (3) perform anti-fraud activities; or

19 (4) identify a specific individual where no ade-
20 quate substitute is available.

21 (c) The matter in subsections (a) and (b) shall super-
22 sede section 237 of division J of Public Law 117–328.

23 SEC. 237. For funds provided to the Department of
24 Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2026 and 2027

1 for “Medical Services”, section 239 of division A of Public
2 Law 114–223 shall apply.

3 SEC. 238. None of the funds appropriated in this or
4 prior appropriations Acts or otherwise made available to
5 the Department of Veterans Affairs may be used to trans-
6 fer any amounts from the Filipino Veterans Equity Com-
7 pensation Fund to any other account within the Depart-
8 ment of Veterans Affairs.

9 SEC. 239. Of the funds provided to the Department
10 of Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2026 and fiscal
11 year 2027 for “Medical Services”, funds may be used in
12 each year to carry out and expand the child care program
13 authorized by section 205 of Public Law 111–163, not-
14 withstanding subsection (e) of such section.

15 SEC. 240. None of the funds appropriated or other-
16 wise made available in this title may be used by the Sec-
17 retary of Veterans Affairs to enter into an agreement re-
18 lated to resolving a dispute or claim with an individual
19 that would restrict in any way the individual from speak-
20 ing to members of Congress or their staff on any topic
21 not otherwise prohibited from disclosure by Federal law
22 or required by Executive order to be kept secret in the
23 interest of national defense or the conduct of foreign af-
24 fairs.

1 SEC. 241. For funds provided to the Department of
2 Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2026 and 2027,
3 section 258 of division A of Public Law 114–223 shall
4 apply.

5 SEC. 242. (a) None of the funds appropriated or oth-
6 erwise made available by this Act may be used to deny
7 an Inspector General funded under this Act timely access
8 to any records, documents, or other materials available to
9 the department or agency over which that Inspector Gen-
10 eral has responsibilities under the Inspector General Act
11 of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.), or to prevent or impede the ac-
12 cess of the Inspector General to such records, documents,
13 or other materials, under any provision of law, except a
14 provision of law that expressly refers to such Inspector
15 General and expressly limits the right of access.

16 (b) A department or agency covered by this section
17 shall provide its Inspector General access to all records,
18 documents, and other materials in a timely manner.

19 (c) Each Inspector General shall ensure compliance
20 with statutory limitations on disclosure relevant to the in-
21 formation provided by the establishment over which that
22 Inspector General has responsibilities under the Inspector
23 General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.).

24 (d) Each Inspector General covered by this section
25 shall report to the Committee on Appropriations of the

1 Senate and the Committee on Appropriations of the House
2 of Representatives within 5 calendar days of any failure
3 by any department or agency covered by this section to
4 comply with this requirement.

5 SEC. 243. None of the funds made available in this
6 Act may be used in a manner that would increase wait
7 times for veterans who seek care at medical facilities of
8 the Department of Veterans Affairs.

9 SEC. 244. None of the funds appropriated or other-
10 wise made available by this Act to the Veterans Health
11 Administration may be used in fiscal year 2026 to convert
12 any program which received specific purpose funds in fis-
13 cal year 2025 to a general purpose funded program unless
14 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs submits written notifica-
15 tion of any such proposal to the Committees on Appropria-
16 tions of both Houses of Congress at least 30 days prior
17 to any such action and an approval is issued by the Com-
18 mittees.

19 SEC. 245. For funds provided to the Department of
20 Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2026 and 2027,
21 section 248 of division A of Public Law 114–223 shall
22 apply.

23 SEC. 246. (a) None of the funds appropriated or oth-
24 erwise made available by this Act may be used to conduct
25 research commencing on or after July 1, 2025, that uses

1 any canine, feline, or non-human primate unless the Sec-
2 retary of Veterans Affairs approves such research specifi-
3 cally and in writing pursuant to subsection (b).

4 (b)(1) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may approve
5 the conduct of research commencing on or after July 1,
6 2025, using canines, felines, or non-human primates if the
7 Secretary certifies that—

8 (A) the scientific objectives of the research can
9 only be met by using such canines, felines, or non-
10 human primates and cannot be met using other ani-
11 mal models, in vitro models, computational models,
12 human clinical studies, or other research alter-
13 natives;

14 (B) such scientific objectives are necessary to
15 advance research benefiting veterans and are directly
16 related to an illness or injury that is combat-related
17 as defined by 10 U.S.C. 1413(e);

18 (C) the research is consistent with the revised
19 Department of Veterans Affairs canine research pol-
20 icy document dated December 15, 2017, including
21 any subsequent revisions to such document; and

22 (D) ethical considerations regarding minimizing
23 the harm experienced by canines, felines, or non-
24 human primates are included in evaluating the sci-
25 entific necessity of the research.

1 (2) The Secretary may not delegate the authority
2 under this subsection.

3 (c) If the Secretary approves any new research pursu-
4 ant to subsection (b), not later than 30 days before the
5 commencement of such research, the Secretary shall sub-
6 mit to the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate
7 and House of Representatives a report describing—

8 (1) the nature of the research to be conducted
9 using canines, felines, or non-human primates;

10 (2) the date on which the Secretary approved
11 the research

12 (3) the USDA pain category on the approved
13 use

14 (4) the justification for the determination of the
15 Secretary that the scientific objectives of such re-
16 search could only be met using canines, felines, or
17 non-human primates, and methods used to make
18 such determination;

19 (5) the frequency and duration of such re-
20 search; and

21 (6) the protocols in place to ensure the neces-
22 sity, safety, and efficacy of the research, and animal
23 welfare.

1 (d) Not later than December 31, 2025, and bian-
2 nually thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to such Com-
3 mittees a report describing—

4 (1) any research being conducted by the De-
5 partment of Veterans Affairs using canines, felines,
6 or non-human primates as of the date of the sub-
7 mittal of the report;

8 (2) the circumstances under which such re-
9 search was conducted using canines, felines, or non-
10 human primates;

11 (3) the justification for using canines, felines,
12 or non-human primates to conduct such research;

13 (4) the protocols in place to ensure the neces-
14 sity, safety, and efficacy of such research; and

15 (5) the development and adoption of alter-
16 natives to canines, felines, or non-human primates
17 research.

18 (e) Not later than December 31, 2025, and annually
19 thereafter, the Department of Veterans Affairs must sub-
20 mit to voluntary U.S. Department of Agriculture inspec-
21 tions of canine, feline, and non-human primate research
22 facilities.

23 (f) Not later than December 31, 2025, and annually
24 thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to such Committees
25 a report describing —

1 (1) any violations of the Animal Welfare Act,
2 the Public Health Service Policy on Humane Care
3 and Use of Laboratory Animals, or other Depart-
4 ment of Veterans Affairs policies related to oversight
5 of animal research found during that quarter in VA
6 research facilities;

7 (2) immediate corrective actions taken; and

8 (3) specific actions taken to prevent their recur-
9 rence.

10 (g) The Department shall implement a plan under
11 which the Secretary will eliminate the research conducted
12 using canines, felines, or non-human primates by not later
13 than September 20, 2026.

14 SEC. 247. (a) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may
15 use amounts appropriated or otherwise made available in
16 this title to ensure that the ratio of veterans to full-time
17 employment equivalents within any program of rehabilita-
18 tion conducted under chapter 31 of title 38, United States
19 Code, does not exceed 125 veterans to one full-time em-
20 ployment equivalent.

21 (b) Not later than 180 days after the date of the en-
22 actment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Con-
23 gress a report on the programs of rehabilitation conducted
24 under chapter 31 of title 38, United States Code, includ-
25 ing—

1 (1) an assessment of the veteran-to-staff ratio
2 for each such program; and

3 (2) recommendations for such action as the
4 Secretary considers necessary to reduce the veteran-
5 to-staff ratio for each such program.

6 SEC. 248. Amounts made available for the “Veterans
7 Health Administration, Medical Community Care” ac-
8 count in this or any other Act for fiscal years 2025 and
9 2026 may be used for expenses that would otherwise be
10 payable from the Veterans Choice Fund established by
11 section 802 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Account-
12 ability Act, as amended (38 U.S.C. 1701 note).

13 SEC. 249. Obligations and expenditures applicable to
14 the “Medical Services” account in fiscal years 2017
15 through 2019 for aid to state homes (as authorized by
16 section 1741 of title 38, United States Code) shall remain
17 in the “Medical Community Care” account for such fiscal
18 years.

19 SEC. 250. Of the amounts made available for the De-
20 partment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2024, in this
21 or any other Act, under the “Veterans Health Administra-
22 tion—Medical Services”, “Veterans Health Administra-
23 tion—Medical Community Care”, “Veterans Health Ad-
24 ministration—Medical Support and Compliance”, and
25 “Veterans Health Administration—Medical Facilities” ac-

1 counts, \$1,323,444,000 shall be made available for gen-
2 der-specific care and programmatic efforts to deliver care
3 for women veterans.

4 SEC. 251. Notwithstanding any other law, unless pre-
5 vented by an order issued by a federal or state court, by
6 no later than September 30, 2026, the Secretary shall
7 commence construction of the Community Based Out-
8 patient Clinic in Bakersfield, California authorized in sec-
9 tion 1(a)(3) of Public Law 111–82 and in accordance with
10 Lease No.36C10F20L0008 or successor lease.

11 SEC. 252. Not later than 30 days after the end of
12 each fiscal quarter, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
13 submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both
14 Houses of Congress a quarterly report on the status of
15 the “Veterans Medical Care and Health Fund”, estab-
16 lished to execute section 8002 of the American Rescue
17 Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law 117–2): *Provided*, That,
18 at a minimum, the report shall include an update on obli-
19 gations by program, project or activity and a plan for ex-
20 pending the remaining funds.

21 SEC. 253. Any amounts transferred to the Secretary
22 and administered by a corporation referred to in section
23 7364(b) of title 38, United States Code, between October
24 1, 2018 and September 30, 2019 for purposes of carrying
25 out an order placed with the Department of Veterans Af-

1 fairs pursuant to section 1535 of title 31, United States
2 Code, that are available for obligation pursuant to section
3 7364(b)(1) of title 38, United States Code, are to remain
4 available for the liquidation of valid obligations incurred
5 by such corporation during the period of performance of
6 such order, provided that the Secretary of Veterans Af-
7 fairs determines that such amounts need to remain avail-
8 able for such liquidation.

9 SEC. 254. Unobligated balances available under the
10 headings “Construction, Major Projects” and “Construc-
11 tion, Minor Projects” may be obligated by the Secretary
12 of Veterans Affairs for a facility pursuant to section
13 2(e)(1) of the Communities Helping Invest through Prop-
14 erty and Improvements Needed for Veterans Act of 2016
15 (Public Law 114–294; 38 U.S.C. 8103 note), as amended,
16 to provide additional funds or to fund an escalation clause
17 under such section of such Act: *Provided*, That before such
18 unobligated balances are obligated pursuant to this sec-
19 tion, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall request from
20 the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-
21 gress the authority to obligate such unobligated balances
22 and such Committees issue an approval, or absent a re-
23 sponse, a period of 30 days has elapsed: *Provided further*,
24 That the request to obligate such unobligated balances
25 must provide Congress notice that the entity described in

1 section 2(a)(2) of Public Law 114–294, as amended, has
2 exhausted available cost containment approaches as set
3 forth in the agreement under section 2(c) of such Public
4 Law.

5 SEC. 255. (a) None of the funds made available in
6 this Act may be used to implement, administer, or other-
7 wise carry out the Department of Veterans Affairs interim
8 final rule published on September 9, 2022, or any suc-
9 cessor to such rule, or to propose, promulgate, or imple-
10 ment any substantially similar rule or policy.

11 (b) None of the funds appropriated in this Act shall
12 be expended for any abortion, including through a medical
13 benefits package or health benefits program that includes
14 coverage of abortion.

15 (c) The limitations established in subsection (b) shall
16 not apply to an abortion—

17 (1) if the pregnancy is the result of an act of
18 rape or incest; or

19 (2) in the case where a woman suffers from a
20 physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness,
21 including a life-endangering physical condition
22 caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself, that
23 would, as certified by a physician, place the woman
24 in danger of death unless an abortion is performed.

1 SEC. 256. None of the funds made available by this
2 Act may be used for surgical procedures or hormone thera-
3 pies for the purposes of gender affirming care.

4 SEC. 257. During the period beginning on October
5 1, 2025 and ending on September 30, 2026, none of the
6 funds made available by this Act may be used to admin-
7 ister, implement, or enforce the final rule issued by the
8 Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to “Change in Rates
9 VA Pays for Special Modes of Transportation” (88 Fed.
10 Reg. 10032) and published on February 16, 2023.

11 SEC. 258. None of the funds made available by this
12 Act may be used to carry out VHA Directive 1193.01,
13 “Coronavirus Disease 2019 Vaccination Program for Vet-
14 erans Health Administration Health Care Personnel”.

15 SEC. 259. None of the funds made available by this
16 Act may be used to provide any services to any individual
17 unlawfully present in the United States who is not eligible
18 for health care under the laws administered by the Sec-
19 retary of Veterans Affairs.

20 SEC. 260. None of the funds made available by this
21 Act may be used by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
22 under section 5502 of title 38, United States Code, in any
23 case arising out of the administration by the Secretary of
24 laws and benefits under such title, to report a person who
25 is deemed mentally incapacitated, mentally incompetent,

1 or to be experiencing an extended loss of consciousness
2 as a person who has been adjudicated as a mental defec-
3 tive under subsection (d)(4) or (g)(4) of section 922 of
4 title 18, United States Code, without the order or finding
5 a judge, magistrate, or other judicial authority of com-
6 petent jurisdiction that such person is a danger to himself
7 or herself or others.

8 SEC. 261. Of the unobligated balances from amounts
9 made available under the heading “Veterans Health Ad-
10 ministration” from prior appropriations Acts, including
11 any funds transferred from the Medical Care Collections
12 Fund to accounts under such heading, \$15,889,000,000
13 is hereby permanently rescinded: *Provided*, That no
14 amounts may be rescinded from amounts that were pro-
15 vided under the heading “Medical and Prosthetic Re-
16 search” or amounts that were designated by the Congress
17 as an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent
18 resolution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and
19 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985: *Provided further*;
20 That the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the
21 Committees on Appropriations of the House of Represent-
22 atives and the Senate a plan for rescinding amounts pur-
23 suant to this section not later than 30 days after the date
24 of the enactment of this Act.

1 TITLE III
2 RELATED AGENCIES
3 AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION
4 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

5 For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for,
6 of the American Battle Monuments Commission, including
7 the acquisition of land or interest in land in foreign coun-
8 tries; purchases and repair of uniforms for caretakers of
9 national cemeteries and monuments outside of the United
10 States and its territories and possessions; rent of office
11 and garage space in foreign countries; purchase (one-for-
12 one replacement basis only) and hire of passenger motor
13 vehicles; not to exceed \$15,000 for official reception and
14 representation expenses; and insurance of official motor
15 vehicles in foreign countries, when required by law of such
16 countries, \$106,000,000, to remain available until ex-
17 pended.

18 FOREIGN CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS ACCOUNT
19 For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for,
20 of the American Battle Monuments Commission, such
21 sums as may be necessary, to remain available until ex-
22 pended, for purposes authorized by section 2109 of title
23 36, United States Code.

1 UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS
2 CLAIMS
3 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

4 For necessary expenses for the operation of the
5 United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims as
6 authorized by sections 7251 through 7298 of title 38,
7 United States Code, \$49,000,000: *Provided*, That
8 \$3,800,000 shall be available for the purpose of providing
9 financial assistance as described and in accordance with
10 the process and reporting procedures set forth under this
11 heading in Public Law 102–229.

12 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—CIVIL
13 CEMETERIAL EXPENSES, ARMY
14 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

15 For necessary expenses for maintenance, operation,
16 and improvement of Arlington National Cemetery and Sol-
17 diers’ and Airmen’s Home National Cemetery, including
18 the purchase or lease of passenger motor vehicles for re-
19 placement on a one-for-one basis only, and not to exceed
20 \$2,000 for official reception and representation expenses,
21 \$115,000,000, of which not to exceed \$15,000,000 shall
22 remain available until September 30, 2028. In addition,
23 such sums as may be necessary for parking maintenance,
24 repairs and replacement, to be derived from the “Lease

1 of Department of Defense Real Property for Defense
2 Agencies’’ account.

3 ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME

4 TRUST FUND

5 For expenses necessary for the Armed Forces Retire-
6 ment Home to operate and maintain the Armed Forces
7 Retirement Home—Washington, District of Columbia,
8 and the Armed Forces Retirement Home—Gulfport, Mis-
9 sissippi, to be paid from funds available in the Armed
10 Forces Retirement Home Trust Fund, \$70,520,000, to re-
11 main available until September 30, 2027, of which
12 \$1,000,000 shall remain available until expended for con-
13 struction and renovation of the physical plants at the
14 Armed Forces Retirement Home—Washington, District of
15 Columbia, and the Armed Forces Retirement Home—
16 Gulfport, Mississippi: *Provided*, That of the amounts made
17 available under this heading from funds available in the
18 Armed Forces Retirement Home Trust Fund,
19 \$25,000,000 shall be paid from the general fund of the
20 Treasury to the Trust Fund.

21 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

22 SEC. 301. Amounts deposited into the special account
23 established under 10 U.S.C. 7727 are appropriated and
24 shall be available until expended to support activities at
25 the Army National Military Cemeteries.

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24

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. 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. 404. 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,

1 and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appropriations
2 of the Senate.

3 SEC. 405. None of the funds made available in this
4 Act may be transferred to any department, agency, or in-
5 strumentality of the United States Government except
6 pursuant to a transfer made by, or transfer authority pro-
7 vided in, this or any other appropriations Act.

8 SEC. 406. None of the funds made available in this
9 Act may be used for a project or program named for an
10 individual serving as a Member, Delegate, or Resident
11 Commissioner of the United States House of Representa-
12 tives.

13 SEC. 407. (a) Any agency receiving funds made avail-
14 able in this Act, shall, subject to subsections (b) and (c),
15 post on the public Web site of that agency any report re-
16 quired to be submitted by the Congress in this or any
17 other Act, upon the determination by the head of the agen-
18 cy that it shall serve the national interest.

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

20 (1) the public posting of the report com-
21 promises national security; or

22 (2) the report contains confidential or propri-
23 etary information.

24 (c) The head of the agency posting such report shall
25 do so only after such report has been made available to

1 the requesting Committee or Committees of Congress for
2 no less than 30days.

3 SEC. 408. (a) None of the funds made available in
4 this Act may be used to maintain or establish a computer
5 network unless such network blocks the viewing,
6 downloading, and exchanging of pornography.

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

11 SEC. 409. None of the funds made available in this
12 Act may be used by an agency of the executive branch
13 to pay for first-class travel by an employee of the agency
14 in contravention of sections 301–10.122 through 301–
15 10.124 of title 41, Code of Federal Regulations.

16 SEC. 410. None of the funds made available in this
17 Act may be used to execute a contract for goods or serv-
18 ices, including construction services, where the contractor
19 has not complied with Executive Order No. 12989.

20 SEC. 411. None of the funds made available by this
21 Act may be used in contravention of section 101(e)(8) of
22 title 10, United States Code.

23 SEC. 412. (a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds ap-
24 propriated or otherwise made available to the Department
25 of Defense in this Act may be used to construct, renovate,

1 or expand any facility in the United States, its territories,
2 or possessions to house any individual detained at United
3 States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, for the
4 purposes of detention or imprisonment in the custody or
5 under the control of the Department of Defense.

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

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

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

15 (2) is—

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

18 (B) otherwise under detention at United
19 States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay, Cuba.

20 SEC. 413. None of the funds appropriated by this Act
21 may be used in any way, directly or indirectly, to influence
22 congressional action on any legislation or appropriation
23 matter pending before Congress, other than to commu-
24 nicate to Members of Congress as described in 18 U.S.C.
25 1913.

1 SEC. 414. For an additional amount for the “Office
2 of the Secretary”, \$1,500,000, to remain available until
3 expended, for the Secretary to enter into an agreement
4 with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering,
5 and Medicine to conduct a study on the prevalence and
6 mortality of cancers among individuals who served as ac-
7 tive-duty aircrew in the Armed Forces: *Provided*, That the
8 panel or panels established by the National Academies
9 Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to conduct the study
10 shall identify exposures associated with military occupa-
11 tions of covered individuals, including relating to chemi-
12 cals, compounds, agents, and other phenomena: *Provided*
13 *further*, the study shall review the literature to determine
14 associations between exposures and the incidence of over-
15 all cancer morbidity, cancer mortality and increased preva-
16 lence of brain cancer, colon and rectal cancers, kidney can-
17 cer, lung cancer, melanoma skin cancer, non-Hodgkin
18 lymphoma, pancreatic cancer, prostate cancer, testicular
19 cancer, thyroid cancer, urinary bladder cancer and any
20 other cancers determined appropriate by the Department
21 of Veterans Affairs: *Provided further*, That not later than
22 eighteen months after the date of enactment of this Act,
23 the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and
24 Medicine shall submit its report to the Secretary of Vet-

1 erans Affairs and the Congress of its systematic review
2 and data analysis of the research topics.

3 SEC. 415. There is hereby appropriated \$1,500,000,
4 to remain available until expended, for a pilot program
5 for the Secretary to partner with a private laboratory to
6 utilize Forensic Genetic Genealogy sequencing technology
7 to identify the remains of fallen soldiers buried at the Na-
8 tional Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.

9 SEC. 416. (a) None of the funds appropriated by this
10 Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 for
11 the Department of Veterans Affairs may be obligated,
12 awarded, or expended to procure or purchase covered in-
13 formation technology equipment in cases where the manu-
14 facturer, bidder, or offeror, or any subsidiary or parent
15 entity of the manufacturer, bidder, or offeror, of the
16 equipment is an entity or parent company of an entity list-
17 ed on any of the following:

18 (1) The Chinese Military Company List of the
19 Department of Defense.

20 (2) The Non-SDN Chinese Military Industrial
21 Complex Companies List of the Department of the
22 Treasury.

23 (3) The Denied Persons List, Entity List, or
24 Military End User List of the Department of Com-
25 merce, if the entity is—

1 (A) an agency or instrumentality of the
2 People's Republic of China;

3 (B) an entity headquartered in the Peo-
4 ple's Republic of China; or

5 (C) directly or indirectly owned or con-
6 trolled by an agency, instrumentality, or entity
7 described in subparagraph (A) or (B).

8 (4) The Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act
9 Entity List of the Department of Homeland Secu-
10 rity.

11 (b) The prohibition under subsection (a) shall apply
12 to a case in which the Secretary of Veterans Affairs has
13 entered into a contract with a non-Department entity for
14 the procurement or purchase of, or the expenditure of
15 funds on, covered information technology equipment.

16 (c) In this section, the term “covered information
17 technology equipment”—

18 (1) means a computer, printer, or interoperable
19 videoconferencing equipment for direct use by em-
20 ployees of the Department of Veterans Affairs in an
21 office environment; and

22 (2) does not include services that use such
23 equipment, including cloud services.

24 SEC. 417. None of the funds appropriated or other-
25 wise made available in this Act may be used to—

1 (1) Classify or facilitate the classification of any
2 communications by a United States person as a mis-
3 , dis-, or mal-information; or

4 (2) Partner with or fund nonprofit or other pri-
5 vate organizations that in any way instruct, influ-
6 ence, direct, or recommend that private companies in
7 any way censor, prohibit, or obstruct lawful and con-
8 stitutionally protected speech of United States per-
9 sons, including recommending the censoring or re-
10 moval of content on social media platforms.

11 SEC. 418. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall en-
12 sure that the policies and requirements described in the
13 transmittal sheet of the Veterans Health Administration
14 published on August 8, 2019, titled “Smoke-Free Policy
15 for Employees at VA Health Care Facilities (VHA Direc-
16 tive 1085.01)” remain in effect.

17 SEC. 419. None of the funds made available by this
18 Act may be used to reduce the staffing, hours of operation,
19 or services of the Veterans Crisis Line or any other suicide
20 prevention program of the Department of Veterans Af-
21 fairs.

22 SPENDING REDUCTION ACCOUNT

23 SEC. 420. \$0.

1 This Act may be cited as the “Military Construction,
2 Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations
3 Act, 2026”.

Union Calendar No. 128

119TH CONGRESS
1ST Session

H. R. 3944

[Report No. 119-161]

A BILL

Making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes.

JUNE 12, 2025

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed