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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.

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[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the following]

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**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, \$2,447,609,000, to re-  
19 main available until September 30, 2030: *Provided*, That,  
20 of this amount, not to exceed \$446,388,000 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, \$268,650,000 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, \$5,906,524,000, to remain available  
16 until September 30, 2030: *Provided*, That, of this amount,  
17 not to exceed \$613,213,000 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, \$144,390,000 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, including personnel in the  
10 Department of the Air Force when designated by the Sec-  
11 retary of Defense to direct and supervise Military Con-  
12 struction projects in accordance with section 2851 of title  
13 10, United States Code, and other personal services nec-  
14 essary for the purposes of this appropriation,  
15 \$4,090,673,000, to remain available until September 30,  
16 2030: *Provided*, That, of this amount, not to exceed  
17 \$718,973,000 shall be available for study, planning, de-  
18 sign, and architect and engineer services, as authorized  
19 by law, unless the Secretary of the Air Force determines  
20 that additional obligations are necessary for such purposes  
21 and notifies the Committees on Appropriations of both  
22 Houses of Congress of the determination and the reasons  
23 therefor: *Provided further*, That of the amount made avail-  
24 able under this heading, \$359,200,000 shall be for the  
25 projects and activities, and in the amounts, specified in

1 the table under the heading “Military Construction, Air  
2 Force” in the report accompanying this Act, in addition  
3 to amounts otherwise available for such purposes.

4           MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, DEFENSE-WIDE  
5                   (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

6           For acquisition, construction, installation, and equip-  
7 ment of temporary or permanent public works, installa-  
8 tions, facilities, and real property for activities and agen-  
9 cies of the Department of Defense (other than the military  
10 departments), as currently authorized by law,  
11 \$3,724,301,000, to remain available until September 30,  
12 2030: *Provided*, That such amounts of this appropriation  
13 as may be determined by the Secretary of Defense may  
14 be transferred to such appropriations of the Department  
15 of Defense available for military construction or family  
16 housing as the Secretary may designate, to be merged with  
17 and to be available for the same purposes, and for the  
18 same time period, as the appropriation or fund to which  
19 transferred: *Provided further*, That, of the amount, not to  
20 exceed \$211,001,000 shall be available for study, plan-  
21 ning, design, and architect and engineer services, as au-  
22 thorized by law, unless the Secretary of Defense deter-  
23 mines that additional obligations are necessary for such  
24 purposes and notifies the Committees on Appropriations  
25 of both Houses of Congress of the determination and the

1 reasons therefor: *Provided further*, That of the amount  
2 made available under this heading, \$32,000,000 shall be  
3 for the projects and activities, and in the amounts, speci-  
4 fied in the table under the heading “Military Construction,  
5 Defense-Wide” in the report accompanying this Act, in ad-  
6 dition to amounts otherwise available for such purposes.

7     MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

8         For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-  
9 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-  
10 ministration of the Army National Guard, and contribu-  
11 tions therefor, as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10,  
12 United States Code, and Military Construction Authoriza-  
13 tion Acts, \$271,230,000, to remain available until Sep-  
14 tember 30, 2030: *Provided*, That, of the amount, not to  
15 exceed \$78,380,000 shall be available for study, planning,  
16 design, and architect and engineer services, as authorized  
17 by law, unless the Director of the Army National Guard  
18 determines that additional obligations are necessary for  
19 such purposes and notifies the Committees on Appropria-  
20 tions of both Houses of Congress of the determination and  
21 the reasons therefor: *Provided further*, That of the amount  
22 made available under this heading, \$112,050,000 shall be  
23 for the projects and activities, and in the amounts, speci-  
24 fied in the table under the heading “Military Construction,  
25 Army National Guard” in the report accompanying this

1 Act, in addition to amounts otherwise available for such  
2 purposes.

3       MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR NATIONAL GUARD

4       For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-  
5 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-  
6 ministration of the Air National Guard, and contributions  
7 therefor, as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10, United  
8 States Code, and Military Construction Authorization  
9 Acts, \$292,546,000, to remain available until September  
10 30, 2030: *Provided*, That, of the amount, not to exceed  
11 \$73,646,000 shall be available for study, planning, design,  
12 and architect and engineer services, as authorized by law,  
13 unless the Director of the Air National Guard determines  
14 that additional obligations are necessary for such purposes  
15 and notifies the Committees on Appropriations of both  
16 Houses of Congress of the determination and the reasons  
17 therefor: *Provided further*, That of the amount made avail-  
18 able under this heading, \$95,900,000 shall be for the  
19 projects and activities, and in the amounts, specified in  
20 the table under the heading “Military Construction, Air  
21 National Guard” in the report accompanying this Act, in  
22 addition to amounts otherwise available for such purposes.

23       MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY RESERVE

24       For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-  
25 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-

1 ministration of the Army Reserve as authorized by chapter  
2 1803 of title 10, United States Code, and Military Con-  
3 struction Authorization Acts, \$46,239,000, to remain  
4 available until September 30, 2030: *Provided*, That, of the  
5 amount, not to exceed \$6,013,000 shall be available for  
6 study, planning, design, and architect and engineer serv-  
7 ices, as authorized by law, unless the Chief of the Army  
8 Reserve determines that additional obligations are nec-  
9 essary for such purposes and notifies the Committees on  
10 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the deter-  
11 mination and the reasons therefor: *Provided further*, That  
12 of the amount made available under this heading,  
13 \$4,000,000 shall be for the projects and activities, and in  
14 the amounts, specified in the table under the heading  
15 “Military Construction, Army Reserve” in the report ac-  
16 companying this Act, in addition to amounts otherwise  
17 available for such purposes.

18           MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY RESERVE

19           For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-  
20 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-  
21 ministration of the reserve components of the Navy and  
22 Marine Corps as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10,  
23 United States Code, and Military Construction Authoriza-  
24 tion Acts, \$2,255,000, to remain available until September  
25 30, 2030: *Provided*, That, of the amount, not to exceed



1 \$2,255,000 shall be available for study, planning, design,  
2 and architect and engineer services, as authorized by law,  
3 unless the Secretary of the Navy determines that addi-  
4 tional obligations are necessary for such purposes and no-  
5 tifies the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses  
6 of Congress of the determination and the reasons therefor.

7       MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE RESERVE

8       For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-  
9 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-  
10 ministration of the Air Force Reserve as authorized by  
11 chapter 1803 of title 10, United States Code, and Military  
12 Construction Authorization Acts, \$116,268,000, to remain  
13 available until September 30, 2030: *Provided*, That, of the  
14 amount, not to exceed \$6,970,000 shall be available for  
15 study, planning, design, and architect and engineer serv-  
16 ices, as authorized by law, unless the Chief of the Air  
17 Force Reserve determines that additional obligations are  
18 necessary for such purposes and notifies the Committees  
19 on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the de-  
20 termination and the reasons therefor: *Provided further*,  
21 That of the amount made available under this heading,  
22 \$55,810,000 shall be for the projects and activities, and  
23 in the amounts, specified in the table under the heading  
24 “Military Construction, Air Force Reserve” in the report

1 accompanying this Act, in addition to amounts otherwise  
2 available for such purposes.

3 NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION

4 SECURITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

5 For the United States share of the cost of the North  
6 Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Pro-  
7 gram for the acquisition and construction of military fa-  
8 cilities and installations (including international military  
9 headquarters) and for related expenses for the collective  
10 defense of the North Atlantic Treaty Area as authorized  
11 by section 2806 of title 10, United States Code, and Mili-  
12 tary Construction Authorization Acts, \$481,832,000, to  
13 remain available until expended.

14 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE ACCOUNT

15 For deposit into the Department of Defense Base  
16 Closure Account, established by section 2906(a) of the De-  
17 fense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (10  
18 U.S.C. 2687 note), \$410,161,000, to remain available  
19 until expended.

20 FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, ARMY

21 For expenses of family housing for the Army for con-  
22 struction, including acquisition, replacement, addition, ex-  
23 pansion, extension, and alteration, as authorized by law,  
24 \$228,558,000, to remain available until September 30,  
25 2030.

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1      FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE,  
2      ARMY

3 For expenses of family housing for the Army for op-  
4 eration and maintenance, including debt payment, leasing,  
5 minor construction, principal and interest charges, and in-  
6 surance premiums, as authorized by law, \$388,418,000.

7 FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE  
8 CORPS

9 For expenses of family housing for the Navy and Ma-  
10 rine Corps for construction, including acquisition, replace-  
11 ment, addition, expansion, extension, and alteration, as  
12 authorized by law, \$177,597,000, to remain available until  
13 September 30, 2030.

14 FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE,  
15 NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

16 For expenses of family housing for the Navy and Ma-  
17 rine Corps for operation and maintenance, including debt  
18 payment, leasing, minor construction, principal and inter-  
19 est charges, and insurance premiums, as authorized by  
20 law, \$384,108,000.

21 FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

For expenses of family housing for the Air Force for  
construction, including acquisition, replacement, addition,  
expansion, extension, and alteration, as authorized by law,

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1 \$274,230,000, to remain available until September 30,  
2 2030.

3 FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR  
4 FORCE

5 For expenses of family housing for the Air Force for  
6 operation and maintenance, including debt payment, leas-  
7 ing, minor construction, principal and interest charges,  
8 and insurance premiums, as authorized by law,  
9 \$369,765,000.

10 FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE,  
11 DEFENSE-WIDE

12 For expenses of family housing for the activities and  
13 agencies of the Department of Defense (other than the  
14 military departments) for operation and maintenance,  
15 leasing, and minor construction, as authorized by law,  
16 \$53,374,000.

17 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

18 FAMILY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT FUND

19 For the Department of Defense Family Housing Im-  
20 provement Fund, \$8,315,000, to remain available until ex-  
21 pended, for family housing initiatives undertaken pursu-  
22 ant to section 2883 of title 10, United States Code, pro-  
23 viding alternative means of acquiring and improving mili-  
24 tary family housing and supporting facilities.

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1                   DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
2       MILITARY UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING IMPROVEMENT  
3                   FUND

4       For the Department of Defense Military Unaccom-  
5 panied Housing Improvement Fund, \$497,000, to remain  
6 available until expended, for unaccompanied housing ini-  
7 tiatives undertaken pursuant to section 2883 of title 10,  
8 United States Code, providing alternative means of acquir-  
9 ing and improving military unaccompanied housing and  
10 supporting facilities.

11                   ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

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

19       SEC. 102. Funds made available in this title for con-  
20 struction shall be available for hire of passenger motor ve-  
21 hicles.

22       SEC. 103. Funds made available in this title for con-  
23 struction may be used for advances to the Federal High-  
24 way Administration, Department of Transportation, for  
25 the construction of access roads as authorized by section

1 210 of title 23, United States Code, when projects author-  
2 ized therein are certified as important to the national de-  
3 fense by the Secretary of Defense.

4 SEC. 104. None of the funds made available in this  
5 title may be used to begin construction of new bases in  
6 the United States for which specific appropriations have  
7 not been made.

8 SEC. 105. None of the funds made available in this  
9 title shall be used for purchase of land or land easements  
10 in excess of 100 percent of the value as determined by  
11 the Army Corps of Engineers or the Naval Facilities Engi-  
12 neering Command, except: (1) where there is a determina-  
13 tion of value by a Federal court; (2) purchases negotiated  
14 by the Attorney General or the designee of the Attorney  
15 General; (3) where the estimated value is less than  
16 \$25,000; or (4) as otherwise determined by the Secretary  
17 of Defense to be in the public interest.

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

24 SEC. 107. None of the funds made available in this  
25 title for minor construction may be used to transfer or

1 relocate any activity from one base or installation to an-  
2 other, without prior notification to the Committees on Ap-  
3 propriations of both Houses of Congress.

4       SEC. 108. None of the funds made available in this  
5 title may be used for the procurement of steel for any con-  
6 struction project or activity for which American steel pro-  
7 ducers, fabricators, and manufacturers have been denied  
8 the opportunity to compete for such steel procurement.

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

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

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

1        SEC. 112. None of the funds made available in this  
2 title for military construction in the United States terri-  
3 tories and possessions in the Pacific and on Kwajalein  
4 Atoll, or in countries bordering the Arabian Gulf, may be  
5 used to award any contract estimated by the Government  
6 to exceed \$1,000,000 to a foreign contractor: *Provided*,  
7 That this section shall not be applicable to contract  
8 awards for which the lowest responsive and responsible bid  
9 of a United States contractor exceeds the lowest respon-  
10 sive and responsible bid of a foreign contractor by greater  
11 than 20 percent: *Provided further*, That this section shall  
12 not apply to contract awards for military construction on  
13 Kwajalein Atoll for which the lowest responsive and re-  
14 sponsible bid is submitted by a Marshallese contractor.

15        SEC. 113. The Secretary of Defense shall inform the  
16 appropriate committees of both Houses of Congress, in-  
17 cluding the Committees on Appropriations, of plans and  
18 scope of any proposed military exercise involving United  
19 States personnel 30 days prior to its occurring, if amounts  
20 expended for construction, either temporary or permanent,  
21 are anticipated to exceed \$100,000.

22        SEC. 114. Funds appropriated to the Department of  
23 Defense for construction in prior years shall be available  
24 for construction authorized for each such military depart-



1 ment by the authorizations enacted into law during the  
2 current session of Congress.

3 SEC. 115. For military construction or family housing  
4 projects that are being completed with funds otherwise ex-  
5 pired or lapsed for obligation, expired or lapsed funds may  
6 be used to pay the cost of associated supervision, inspec-  
7 tion, overhead, engineering and design on those projects  
8 and on subsequent claims, if any.

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

21 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

22 SEC. 117. Subject to 30 days prior notification, or  
23 14 days for a notification provided in an electronic me-  
24 dium pursuant to sections 480 and 2883 of title 10,  
25 United States Code, to the Committees on Appropriations

1 of both Houses of Congress, such additional amounts as  
2 may be determined by the Secretary of Defense may be  
3 transferred to: (1) the Department of Defense Family  
4 Housing Improvement Fund from amounts appropriated  
5 for construction in “Family Housing” accounts, to be  
6 merged with and to be available for the same purposes  
7 and for the same period of time as amounts appropriated  
8 directly to the Fund; or (2) the Department of Defense  
9 Military Unaccompanied Housing Improvement Fund  
10 from amounts appropriated for construction of military  
11 unaccompanied housing in “Military Construction” ac-  
12 counts, to be merged with and to be available for the same  
13 purposes and for the same period of time as amounts ap-  
14 propriated directly to the Fund: *Provided*, That appropria-  
15 tions made available to the Funds shall be available to  
16 cover the costs, as defined in section 502(5) of the Con-  
17 gressional Budget Act of 1974, of direct loans or loan  
18 guarantees issued by the Department of Defense pursuant  
19 to the provisions of subchapter IV of chapter 169 of title  
20 10, United States Code, pertaining to alternative means  
21 of acquiring and improving military family housing, mili-  
22 tary unaccompanied housing, and supporting facilities.

23 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

24 SEC. 118. In addition to any other transfer authority  
25 available to the Department of Defense, amounts may be

1 transferred from the Department of Defense Base Closure  
2 Account to the fund established by section 1013(d) of the  
3 Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act  
4 of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 3374) to pay for expenses associated  
5 with the Homeowners Assistance Program incurred under  
6 42 U.S.C. 3374(a)(1)(A). Any amounts transferred shall  
7 be merged with and be available for the same purposes  
8 and for the same time period as the fund to which trans-  
9 ferred.

10 SEC. 119. Notwithstanding any other provision of  
11 law, funds made available in this title for operation and  
12 maintenance of family housing shall be the exclusive  
13 source of funds for repair and maintenance of all family  
14 housing units, including general or flag officer quarters:  
15 *Provided*, That not more than \$35,000 per unit may be  
16 spent annually for the maintenance and repair of any gen-  
17 eral or flag officer quarters without 30 days prior notifica-  
18 tion, or 14 days for a notification provided in an electronic  
19 medium pursuant to sections 480 and 2883 of title 10,  
20 United States Code, to the Committees on Appropriations  
21 of both Houses of Congress, except that an after-the-fact  
22 notification shall be submitted if the limitation is exceeded  
23 solely due to costs associated with environmental remedi-  
24 ation that could not be reasonably anticipated at the time  
25 of the budget submission: *Provided further*, That the

1 Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) is to report an-  
2 nually to the Committees on Appropriations of both  
3 Houses of Congress all operation and maintenance ex-  
4 penditures for each individual general or flag officer quar-  
5 ters for the prior fiscal year.

6 SEC. 120. Amounts contained in the Ford Island Im-  
7 provement Account established by subsection (h) of sec-  
8 tion 2814 of title 10, United States Code, are appro-  
9 priated and shall be available until expended for the pur-  
10 poses specified in subsection (i)(1) of such section or until  
11 transferred pursuant to subsection (i)(3) of such section.

12 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

13 SEC. 121. During the 5-year period after appropria-  
14 tions available in this Act to the Department of Defense  
15 for military construction and family housing operation and  
16 maintenance and construction have expired for obligation,  
17 upon a determination that such appropriations will not be  
18 necessary for the liquidation of obligations or for making  
19 authorized adjustments to such appropriations for obliga-  
20 tions incurred during the period of availability of such ap-  
21 propriations, unobligated balances of such appropriations  
22 may be transferred into the appropriation “Foreign Cur-  
23 rency Fluctuations, Construction, Defense”, to be merged  
24 with and to be available for the same time period and for

1 the same purposes as the appropriation to which trans-  
2 ferred.

3 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

4 SEC. 122. Amounts appropriated or otherwise made  
5 available in an account funded under the headings in this  
6 title may be transferred among projects and activities  
7 within the account in accordance with the reprogramming  
8 guidelines for military construction and family housing  
9 construction contained in Department of Defense Finan-  
10 cial Management Regulation 7000.14–R, Volume 3, Chap-  
11 ter 7, of April 2021, as in effect on the date of enactment  
12 of this Act.

13 SEC. 123. None of the funds made available in this  
14 title may be obligated or expended for planning and design  
15 and construction of projects at Arlington National Ceme-  
16 tery.

17 SEC. 124. For an additional amount for the accounts  
18 and in the amounts specified, to remain available until  
19 September 30, 2030:

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

21 “Military Construction, Army National Guard”,  
22 \$15,500,000;

23 “Military Construction, Air National Guard”,  
24 \$11,000,000; and

1 “Military Construction, Army Reserve”,  
2 \$15,000,000:

3 *Provided*, That such funds may only be obligated to carry  
4 out construction and cost to complete projects identified  
5 in the respective military department’s unfunded priority  
6 list for fiscal year 2026 submitted to Congress: *Provided*  
7 *further*, That such projects are subject to authorization  
8 prior to obligation and expenditure of funds to carry out  
9 construction: *Provided further*, That not later than 60  
10 days after enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the mili-  
11 tary department concerned, or their designee, shall submit  
12 to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of  
13 Congress an expenditure plan for funds provided under  
14 this section.

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

1       SEC. 126. Notwithstanding section 116 of this Act,  
2 funds made available in this Act or any available unobli-  
3 gated balances from prior appropriations Acts may be obli-  
4 gated before October 1, 2027 for fiscal year 2017, 2018,  
5 2019, and 2020 military construction projects for which  
6 project authorization has not lapsed or for which author-  
7 ization is extended for fiscal year 2026 by a National De-  
8 fense Authorization Act: *Provided*, That no amounts may  
9 be obligated pursuant to this section from amounts that  
10 were designated by the Congress as an emergency require-  
11 ment pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget  
12 or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control  
13 Act of 1985.

14       SEC. 127. For the purposes of this Act, the term  
15 “congressional defense committees” means the Commit-  
16 tees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives  
17 and the Senate, the Subcommittee on Military Construc-  
18 tion and Veterans Affairs of the Committee on Appropria-  
19 tions of the Senate, and the Subcommittee on Military  
20 Construction and Veterans Affairs of the Committee on  
21 Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

22       SEC. 128. For an additional amount for “Military  
23 Construction, Navy and Marine Corps”, \$76,000,000, to  
24 remain available until September 30, 2030: *Provided*,  
25 That such funds may only be obligated to carry out con-

1 struction projects specified in a National Defense Author-  
2 ization Act for fiscal year 2026 in the funding table in  
3 section 4601 of that Act: *Provided further*, That not later  
4 than 30 days after enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
5 of Defense, or their designee, shall submit to the Commit-  
6 tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress an ex-  
7 penditure plan for funds provided under this section.

8       SEC. 129. 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 cost of direct loans, \$6,865,235, as author-  
10 ized by subchapter V of chapter 37 of title 38, United  
11 States Code: *Provided*, That such costs, including the cost  
12 of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502  
13 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974: *Provided fur-*  
14 *ther*, That funds made available under this heading are  
15 available to subsidize gross obligations for the principal  
16 amount of direct loans not to exceed \$75,000,000.

17 In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out  
18 the direct loan program authorized by subchapter V of  
19 chapter 37 of title 38, United States Code, \$5,845,241.

20 GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES, VETERANS BENEFITS  
21 ADMINISTRATION

22 For necessary operating expenses of the Veterans  
23 Benefits Administration, not otherwise provided for, in-  
24 cluding hire of passenger motor vehicles, reimbursement  
25 of the General Services Administration for security guard

1 services, and reimbursement of the Department of De-  
2 fense for the cost of overseas employee mail,  
3 \$3,879,000,000: *Provided*, That expenses for services and  
4 assistance authorized under paragraphs (1), (2), (5), and  
5 (11) of section 3104(a) of title 38, United States Code,  
6 that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs determines are nec-  
7 essary to enable entitled veterans: (1) to the maximum ex-  
8 tent feasible, to become employable and to obtain and  
9 maintain suitable employment; or (2) to achieve maximum  
10 independence in daily living, shall be charged to this ac-  
11 count: *Provided further*, That, of the funds made available  
12 under this heading, not to exceed 10 percent shall remain  
13 available until September 30, 2027.

14 VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

15 MEDICAL SERVICES

16 For necessary expenses for furnishing, as authorized  
17 by law, inpatient and outpatient care and treatment to  
18 beneficiaries of the Department of Veterans Affairs and  
19 veterans described in section 1705(a) of title 38, United  
20 States Code, including care and treatment in facilities not  
21 under the jurisdiction of the Department, and including  
22 medical supplies and equipment, bioengineering services,  
23 food services, and salaries and expenses of healthcare em-  
24 ployees hired under title 38, United States Code, assist-  
25 ance and support services for caregivers as authorized by

1 section 1720G of title 38, United States Code, loan repay-  
2 ments authorized by section 604 of the Caregivers and  
3 Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2010 (Public  
4 Law 111–163; 124 Stat. 1174; 38 U.S.C. 7681 note),  
5 monthly assistance allowances authorized by section  
6 322(d) of title 38, United States Code, grants authorized  
7 by section 521A of title 38, United States Code, and ad-  
8 ministrative expenses necessary to carry out sections  
9 322(d) and 521A of title 38, United States Code, and hos-  
10 pital care and medical services authorized by section 1787  
11 of title 38, United States Code; \$59,858,000,000, plus re-  
12 imbursements, which shall become available on October 1,  
13 2026, and shall remain available until September 30,  
14 2027: *Provided*, That, of the amount made available on  
15 October 1, 2026, under this heading, \$2,000,000,000 shall  
16 remain available until September 30, 2028: *Provided fur-*  
17 *ther*, That of the \$75,039,000,000 to become available on  
18 October 1, 2025, previously appropriated under this head-  
19 ing in the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2025  
20 (division A of Public Law 119–4), \$15,889,000,000 is  
21 hereby rescinded: *Provided further*, That, notwithstanding  
22 any other provision of law, the Secretary of Veterans Af-  
23 fairs shall establish a priority for the provision of medical  
24 treatment for veterans who have service-connected disabil-  
25 ities, lower income, or have special needs: *Provided further*,

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

22 MEDICAL COMMUNITY CARE

23 For necessary expenses for furnishing health care to  
24 individuals pursuant to chapter 17 of title 38, United  
25 States Code, at non-Department facilities,

1 \$38,700,000,000, plus reimbursements, which shall be-  
2 come available on October 1, 2026, and shall remain avail-  
3 able until September 30, 2027: *Provided*, That, of the  
4 amount made available on October 1, 2026, under this  
5 heading, \$2,000,000,000 shall remain available until Sep-  
6 tember 30, 2028.

7 MEDICAL SUPPORT AND COMPLIANCE

8 For necessary expenses in the administration of the  
9 medical, hospital, nursing home, domiciliary, construction,  
10 supply, and research activities, as authorized by law; ad-  
11 ministrative expenses in support of capital policy activi-  
12 ties; and administrative and legal expenses of the Depart-  
13 ment for collecting and recovering amounts owed the De-  
14 partment as authorized under chapter 17 of title 38,  
15 United States Code, and the Federal Medical Care Recov-  
16 ery Act (42 U.S.C. 2651 et seq.), \$12,000,000,000, plus  
17 reimbursements, which shall become available on October  
18 1, 2026, and shall remain available until September 30,  
19 2027: *Provided*, That, of the amount made available on  
20 October 1, 2026, under this heading, \$350,000,000 shall  
21 remain available until September 30, 2028: *Provided fur-*  
22 *ther*, That, of the \$12,700,000,000 to become available on  
23 October 1, 2025, previously appropriated under this head-  
24 ing in the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2025



1 (division A of Public Law 119–4), \$610,000,000 is hereby  
2 rescinded.

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 \$3,000,000, which shall be in addition to funds previously  
19 appropriated under this heading that become available on  
20 October 1, 2025; and, in addition, \$11,700,000,000, plus  
21 reimbursements, which shall become available on October  
22 1, 2026, and shall remain available until September 30,  
23 2027: *Provided*, That, of the amount made available on  
24 October 1, 2026, under this heading, \$500,000,000 shall  
25 remain available until September 30, 2028.

1 MEDICAL AND PROSTHETIC RESEARCH

2 For necessary expenses in carrying out programs of  
3 medical and prosthetic research and development as au-  
4 thorized by chapter 73 of title 38, United States Code,  
5 \$943,000,000, plus reimbursements, shall remain avail-  
6 able until September 30, 2027: *Provided*, That the Sec-  
7 retary of Veterans Affairs shall ensure that sufficient  
8 amounts appropriated under this heading are available for  
9 prosthetic research specifically for female veterans, and  
10 for toxic exposure research.

11 NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION

12 For necessary expenses of the National Cemetery Ad-  
13 ministration for operations and maintenance, not other-  
14 wise provided for, including uniforms or allowances there-  
15 for; cemeterial expenses as authorized by law; purchase  
16 of one passenger motor vehicle for use in cemeterial oper-  
17 ations; hire of passenger motor vehicles; and repair, alter-  
18 ation or improvement of facilities under the jurisdiction  
19 of the National Cemetery Administration, \$497,000,000,  
20 of which not to exceed 10 percent shall remain available  
21 until September 30, 2027.

## 35

## 1 DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

## 2 GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

## 3 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

4 For necessary operating expenses of the Department  
5 of Veterans Affairs, not otherwise provided for, including  
6 administrative expenses in support of Department-wide  
7 capital planning, management and policy activities, uni-  
8 forms, or allowances therefor; not to exceed \$25,000 for  
9 official reception and representation expenses; hire of pas-  
10 senger motor vehicles; and reimbursement of the General  
11 Services Administration for security guard services,  
12 \$440,000,000, which shall be for the offices and in the  
13 amounts specified under this heading in the report accom-  
14 panying this Act, of which not to exceed 10 percent for  
15 each such office shall remain available until September 30,  
16 2027: *Provided*, That funds provided under this heading  
17 may be transferred to “General Operating Expenses, Vet-  
18 erans Benefits Administration”.

## 19 BOARD OF VETERANS APPEALS

20 For necessary operating expenses of the Board of  
21 Veterans Appeals, \$277,000,000, of which not to exceed  
22 10 percent shall remain available until September 30,  
23 2027.

## 36

1 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS  
2 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

3 For necessary expenses for information technology  
4 systems and telecommunications support, including devel-  
5 opmental information systems and operational information  
6 systems; for pay and associated costs; and for the capital  
7 asset acquisition of information technology systems, in-  
8 cluding management and related contractual costs of said  
9 acquisitions, including contractual costs associated with  
10 operations authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United  
11 States Code, \$5,908,000,000, plus reimbursements: *Pro-*  
12 *vided*, That \$1,418,416,000 shall be for pay and associ-  
13 ated costs, of which not to exceed 3 percent shall remain  
14 available until September 30, 2027: *Provided further*, That  
15 \$4,488,829,000 shall be for operations and maintenance,  
16 of which not to exceed 5 percent shall remain available  
17 until September 30, 2027, and of which \$118,900,000  
18 shall remain available until September 30, 2030, for the  
19 purpose of facility activations related to projects funded  
20 by the “Construction, Major Projects”, “Construction,  
21 Minor Projects”, “Medical Facilities”, “National Ceme-  
22 tery Administration”, “General Operating Expenses, Vet-  
23 erans Benefits Administration”, and “General Adminis-  
24 tration” accounts: *Provided further*, That \$755,000 shall  
25 be for information technology systems development, and

1 shall remain available until September 30, 2027: *Provided*  
2 *further*, That amounts made available for salaries and ex-  
3 penses, operations and maintenance, and information  
4 technology systems development may be transferred  
5 among the three subaccounts after the Secretary of Vet-  
6 erans Affairs requests from the Committees on Appropria-  
7 tions of both Houses of Congress the authority to make  
8 the transfer and an approval is issued: *Provided further*,  
9 That amounts made available for the “Information Tech-  
10 nology Systems” account for development may be trans-  
11 ferred among projects or to newly defined projects: *Pro-*  
12 *vided further*, That no project may be increased or de-  
13 creased by more than \$3,000,000 of cost prior to submit-  
14 ting a request to the Committees on Appropriations of  
15 both Houses of Congress to make the transfer and an ap-  
16 proval is issued, or absent a response, a period of 30 days  
17 has elapsed.

18 VETERANS ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD

19 For activities related to implementation, preparation,  
20 development, interface, management, rollout, and mainte-  
21 nance of a Veterans Electronic Health Record system, in-  
22 cluding contractual costs associated with operations au-  
23 thorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code,  
24 and salaries and expenses of employees hired under titles  
25 5 and 38, United States Code, \$3,488,000,000, to remain

1 available until September 30, 2028: *Provided*, That the  
2 Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Commit-  
3 tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress quar-  
4 terly reports detailing obligations, expenditures, and de-  
5 ployment implementation by facility, including any  
6 changes from the deployment plan or schedule: *Provided*  
7 *further*, That the funds provided in this account shall only  
8 be available to the Office of the Deputy Secretary, to be  
9 administered by that Office: *Provided further*, That 25  
10 percent of the funds made available under this heading  
11 shall not be available until July 1, 2026, and are contin-  
12 gent upon the Secretary of Veterans Affairs providing to  
13 the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-  
14 gress a plan by June 1, 2026, containing the following:

15 (1) an updated life-cycle cost estimate for the  
16 EHRM program based on the Department's accel-  
17 eration of deployments announced in March 2025;

18 (2) an updated facility-by-facility deployment  
19 schedule for all facilities to receive the EHRM pro-  
20 gram;

21 (3) a certification that all VA facilities using  
22 the new EHR on or before April 1, 2024, have ex-  
23 ceeded or met certain health care performance base-  
24 line metrics indicating they have returned to their

1 service delivery levels in place prior to the deploy-  
2 ment of the new EHR; and

3 (4) a description of the projected Federal VA  
4 staffing levels, contract support, and other relevant  
5 activities required, and the resources required to  
6 fund those activities, to meet the deployment goal as  
7 outlined in (2), including target Federal and con-  
8 tracted staffing levels at VA Central Office and,  
9 each local VA medical center with a slated deploy-  
10 ment in 2026 and 2027, as well as contract support  
11 to provide technical and other change management  
12 support to carry out the deployments.

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. 401 et seq.), \$296,000,000, of which not to exceed  
18 10 percent shall remain available until September 30,  
19 2027.

20 CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR PROJECTS

21 For constructing, altering, extending, and improving  
22 any of the facilities, including parking projects, under the  
23 jurisdiction or for the use of the Department of Veterans  
24 Affairs, or for any of the purposes set forth in sections  
25 316, 2404, 2406 and chapter 81 of title 38, United States

1 Code, not otherwise provided for, including planning, ar-  
2 chitectural and engineering services, construction manage-  
3 ment services, maintenance or guarantee period services  
4 costs associated with equipment guarantees provided  
5 under the project, services of claims analysts, offsite utility  
6 and storm drainage system construction costs, and site ac-  
7 quisition, where the estimated cost of a project is more  
8 than the amount set forth in section 8104(a)(3)(A) of title  
9 38, United States Code, or where funds for a project were  
10 made available in a previous major project appropriation,  
11 \$1,394,000,000, of which \$621,615,000 shall remain  
12 available until September 30, 2030, and of which  
13 \$772,385,000 shall remain available until expended: *Pro-*  
14 *vided*, That except for advance planning activities, includ-  
15 ing needs assessments which may or may not lead to cap-  
16 ital investments, and other capital asset management re-  
17 lated activities, including portfolio development and man-  
18 agement activities, and planning, cost estimating, and de-  
19 sign for major medical facility projects and major medical  
20 facility leases and investment strategy studies funded  
21 through the advance planning fund and the planning and  
22 design activities funded through the design fund, staffing  
23 expenses, and funds provided for the purchase, security,  
24 and maintenance of land for the National Cemetery Ad-  
25 ministration and the Veterans Health Administration



1 through the land acquisition line item, none of the funds  
2 made available under this heading shall be used for any  
3 project that has not been notified to Congress through the  
4 budgetary process or that has not been approved by the  
5 Congress through statute, joint resolution, or in the ex-  
6 planatory statement accompanying such Act and pre-  
7 sented to the President at the time of enrollment: *Provided*  
8 *further*, That funds provided for the Veterans Health Ad-  
9 ministration through the land acquisition line item shall  
10 be only for projects included on the five year development  
11 plan notified to Congress through the budgetary process:  
12 *Provided further*, That such sums as may be necessary  
13 shall be available to reimburse the “General Administra-  
14 tion” account for payment of salaries and expenses of all  
15 Office of Construction and Facilities Management employ-  
16 ees to support the full range of capital infrastructure serv-  
17 ices provided, including minor construction and leasing  
18 services: *Provided further*, That funds made available  
19 under this heading for fiscal year 2026, for each approved  
20 project shall be obligated: (1) by the awarding of a con-  
21 struction documents contract by September 30, 2026; and  
22 (2) by the awarding of a construction contract by Sep-  
23 tember 30, 2027: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of  
24 Veterans Affairs shall promptly submit to the Committees  
25 on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a written

1 report on any approved major construction project for  
2 which obligations are not incurred within the time limita-  
3 tions established above: *Provided further*, That notwith-  
4 standing the requirements of section 8104(a) of title 38,  
5 United States Code, amounts made available under this  
6 heading for seismic program management activities shall  
7 be available for the completion of both new and existing  
8 seismic projects of the Department.

9 CONSTRUCTION, MINOR PROJECTS

10 For constructing, altering, extending, and improving  
11 any of the facilities, including parking projects, under the  
12 jurisdiction or for the use of the Department of Veterans  
13 Affairs, including planning and assessments of needs  
14 which may lead to capital investments, architectural and  
15 engineering services, maintenance or guarantee period  
16 services costs associated with equipment guarantees pro-  
17 vided under the project, services of claims analysts, offsite  
18 utility and storm drainage system construction costs, and  
19 site acquisition, or for any of the purposes set forth in  
20 sections 316, 2404, 2406 and chapter 81 of title 38,  
21 United States Code, not otherwise provided for, where the  
22 estimated cost of a project is equal to or less than the  
23 amount set forth in section 8104(a)(3)(A) of title 38,  
24 United States Code, \$709,000,000, of which  
25 \$467,940,000 shall remain available until September 30,

1 2030, and of which \$241,060,000 shall remain available  
2 until expended, along with unobligated balances of pre-  
3 vious “Construction, Minor Projects” appropriations  
4 which are hereby made available for any project where the  
5 estimated cost is equal to or less than the amount set forth  
6 in such section: *Provided*, That funds made available  
7 under this heading shall be for: (1) repairs to any of the  
8 nonmedical facilities under the jurisdiction or for the use  
9 of the Department which are necessary because of loss or  
10 damage caused by any natural disaster or catastrophe;  
11 and (2) temporary measures necessary to prevent or to  
12 minimize further loss by such causes.

13 GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STATE EXTENDED CARE  
14 FACILITIES

15 For grants to assist States to acquire or construct  
16 State nursing home and domiciliary facilities and to re-  
17 model, modify, or alter existing hospital, nursing home,  
18 and domiciliary facilities in State homes, for furnishing  
19 care to veterans as authorized by sections 8131 through  
20 8137 of title 38, United States Code, \$171,000,000, to  
21 remain available until expended.

22 GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF VETERANS CEMETERIES

23 For grants to assist States and tribal organizations  
24 in establishing, expanding, or improving veterans ceme-  
25 teries as authorized by section 2408 of title 38, United

1 States Code, \$60,000,000, to remain available until ex-  
2 pended.

3 COST OF WAR TOXIC EXPOSURES FUND

4 For investment in the delivery of veterans' health  
5 care associated with exposure to environmental hazards,  
6 the expenses incident to the delivery of veterans' health  
7 care and benefits associated with exposure to environ-  
8 mental hazards, and medical and other research relating  
9 to exposure to environmental hazards, as authorized by  
10 section 324 of title 38, United States Code, and in addi-  
11 tion to the amounts otherwise available for such purposes  
12 in the appropriations provided in this or prior Acts, includ-  
13 ing the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 (Public Law  
14 118–5), \$52,676,000,000, to remain available until ex-  
15 pended.

16 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

17 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

18 SEC. 201. Any appropriation for fiscal year 2026 for  
19 “Compensation and Pensions”, “Readjustment Benefits”,  
20 and “Veterans Insurance and Indemnities” may be trans-  
21 ferred as necessary to any other of the mentioned appro-  
22 priations: *Provided*, That, before a transfer may take  
23 place, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall request from  
24 the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-  
25 gress the authority to make the transfer and such Com-

1 mittees issue an approval, or absent a response, a period  
2 of 30 days has elapsed.

3 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

4 SEC. 202. Amounts made available for the Depart-  
5 ment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2026, in this or  
6 any other Act, under the “Medical Services”, “Medical  
7 Community Care”, “Medical Support and Compliance”,  
8 and “Medical Facilities” accounts may be transferred  
9 among the accounts: *Provided*, That any transfers among  
10 the “Medical Services”, “Medical Community Care”, and  
11 “Medical Support and Compliance” accounts of 1 percent  
12 or less of the total amount appropriated to the account  
13 in this or any other Act may take place subject to notifica-  
14 tion from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to the Com-  
15 mittees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of  
16 the amount and purpose of the transfer: *Provided further*,  
17 That any transfers among the “Medical Services”, “Med-  
18 ical Community Care”, and “Medical Support and Compli-  
19 ance” accounts in excess of 1 percent, or exceeding the  
20 cumulative 1 percent for the fiscal year, may take place  
21 only after the Secretary requests from the Committees on  
22 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress the authority  
23 to make the transfer and an approval is issued: *Provided*  
24 *further*, That any transfers to or from the “Medical Facili-  
25 ties” account may take place only after the Secretary re-

1   quests from the Committees on Appropriations of both  
2   Houses of Congress the authority to make the transfer  
3   and an approval is issued.

4       SEC. 203. Appropriations available in this title for  
5   salaries and expenses shall be available for services au-  
6   thorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code;  
7   hire of passenger motor vehicles; lease of a facility or land  
8   or both; and uniforms or allowances therefore, as author-  
9   ized by sections 5901 through 5902 of title 5, United  
10   States Code.

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

16       SEC. 205. No appropriations in this title shall be  
17   available for hospitalization or examination of any persons  
18   (except beneficiaries entitled to such hospitalization or ex-  
19   amination under the laws providing such benefits to vet-  
20   erans, and persons receiving such treatment under sec-  
21   tions 7901 through 7904 of title 5, United States Code,  
22   or the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency  
23   Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.)), unless reim-  
24   bursement of the cost of such hospitalization or examina-

tion is made to the “Medical Services” account at such rates as may be fixed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

SEC. 206. Appropriations available in this title for “Compensation and Pensions”, “Readjustment Benefits”, and “Veterans Insurance and Indemnities” shall be available for payment of prior year accrued obligations required to be recorded by law against the corresponding prior year accounts within the last quarter of fiscal year 2025.

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

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 208. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, during fiscal year 2026, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall, from the National Service Life Insurance Fund under section 1920 of title 38, United States Code, the Veterans’ Special Life Insurance Fund under section 1923 of title 38, United States Code, and the United States Government Life Insurance Fund under section 1955 of title 38, United States Code, reimburse the “Gen-

1 eral Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administra-  
2 tion” and “Information Technology Systems” accounts for  
3 the cost of administration of the insurance programs fi-  
4 nanced through those accounts: *Provided*, That reimburse-  
5 ment shall be made only from the surplus earnings accu-  
6 mulated in such an insurance program during fiscal year  
7 2026 that are available for dividends in that program after  
8 claims have been paid and actuarially determined reserves  
9 have been set aside: *Provided further*, That if the cost of  
10 administration of such an insurance program exceeds the  
11 amount of surplus earnings accumulated in that program,  
12 reimbursement shall be made only to the extent of such  
13 surplus earnings: *Provided further*, That the Secretary  
14 shall determine the cost of administration for fiscal year  
15 2026 which is properly allocable to the provision of each  
16 such insurance program and to the provision of any total  
17 disability income insurance included in that insurance pro-  
18 gram.

19 SEC. 209. Amounts deducted from enhanced-use  
20 lease proceeds to reimburse an account for expenses in-  
21 curred by that account during a prior fiscal year for pro-  
22 viding enhanced-use lease services shall be available until  
23 expended.



1 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

2 SEC. 210. Funds available in this title or funds for  
3 salaries and other administrative expenses shall also be  
4 available to reimburse the Office of Resolution Manage-  
5 ment, the Office of Employment Discrimination Complaint  
6 Adjudication, and the Alternative Dispute Resolution  
7 function within the Office of Human Resources and Ad-  
8 ministration for all services provided at rates which will  
9 recover actual costs but not to exceed \$134,342,000 for  
10 the Office of Resolution Management, \$7,607,000 for the  
11 Office of Employment Discrimination Complaint Adju-  
12 dication, and \$7,586,000 for the Alternative Dispute Res-  
13 olution function within the Office of Human Resources  
14 and Administration: *Provided*, That payments may be  
15 made in advance for services to be furnished based on esti-  
16 mated costs: *Provided further*, That amounts received shall  
17 be credited to the “General Administration” and “Infor-  
18 mation Technology Systems” accounts for use by the of-  
19 fice that provided the service.

20 SEC. 211. No funds of the Department of Veterans  
21 Affairs shall be available for hospital care, nursing home  
22 care, or medical services provided to any person under  
23 chapter 17 of title 38, United States Code, for a non-serv-  
24 ice-connected disability described in section 1729(a)(2) of  
25 such title, unless that person has disclosed to the Sec-

1   retary of Veterans Affairs, in such form as the Secretary  
2   may require, current, accurate third-party reimbursement  
3   information for purposes of section 1729 of such title: *Pro-*  
4   *vided*, That the Secretary may recover, in the same man-  
5   ner as any other debt due the United States, the reason-  
6   able charges for such care or services from any person who  
7   does not make such disclosure as required: *Provided fur-*  
8   *ther*, That any amounts so recovered for care or services  
9   provided in a prior fiscal year may be obligated by the  
10   Secretary during the fiscal year in which amounts are re-  
11   ceived.

12                   (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

13       SEC. 212. Notwithstanding any other provision of  
14   law, proceeds or revenues derived from enhanced-use leas-  
15   ing activities (including disposal) may be deposited into  
16   the “Construction, Major Projects” and “Construction,  
17   Minor Projects” accounts and be used for construction  
18   (including site acquisition and disposition), alterations,  
19   and improvements of any medical facility under the juris-  
20   diction or for the use of the Department of Veterans Af-  
21   fairs. Such sums as realized are in addition to the amount  
22   provided for in “Construction, Major Projects” and “Con-  
23   struction, Minor Projects”.

24       SEC. 213. Amounts made available under “Medical  
25   Services” are available—

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

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

6           (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

7           SEC. 214. Such sums as may be deposited into the  
8           Medical Care Collections Fund pursuant to section 1729A  
9           of title 38, United States Code, may be transferred to the  
10          “Medical Services” and “Medical Community Care” ac-  
11          counts to remain available until expended for the purposes  
12          of these accounts.

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

1 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

2 SEC. 216. Such sums as may be deposited into the  
3 Department of Veterans Affairs Capital Asset Fund pur-  
4 suant to section 8118 of title 38, United States Code, may  
5 be transferred to the “Construction, Major Projects” and  
6 “Construction, Minor Projects” accounts, to remain avail-  
7 able until expended for the purposes of these accounts.

8 SEC. 217. Not later than 30 days after the end of  
9 each fiscal quarter, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall  
10 submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both  
11 Houses of Congress a report on the financial status of the  
12 Department of Veterans Affairs for the preceding quarter:  
13 *Provided*, That, at a minimum, the report shall include  
14 the direction contained in the paragraph entitled “Quar-  
15 terly reporting”, under the heading “General Administra-  
16 tion” in the joint explanatory statement accompanying  
17 Public Law 114–223.

18 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

19 SEC. 218. Amounts made available under the “Med-  
20 ical Services”, “Medical Community Care”, “Medical Sup-  
21 port and Compliance”, “Medical Facilities”, “General Op-  
22 erating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration”,  
23 “Board of Veterans Appeals”, “General Administration”,  
24 and “National Cemetery Administration” accounts for fis-  
25 cal year 2026 may be transferred to or from the “Informa-

tion Technology Systems” account: *Provided*, That such transfers may not result in a more than 10 percent aggregate increase in the total amount made available by this Act for the “Information Technology Systems” account: *Provided further*, That, before a transfer may take place, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall request from the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress the authority to make the transfer and an approval is issued.

(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*,

1 That additional funds may be transferred from accounts  
2 designated in this section to the Joint Department of De-  
3 fense—Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility  
4 Demonstration Fund upon written notification by the Sec-  
5 retary of Veterans Affairs to the Committees on Appro-  
6 priations of both Houses of Congress: *Provided further*,  
7 That section 220 of title II of division A of Public Law  
8 118–42, as continued by section 1101(a)(10) of division  
9 A of Public Law 119–4, is repealed.

10 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

11 SEC. 220. Of the amounts appropriated to the De-  
12 partment of Veterans Affairs which become available on  
13 October 1, 2026, for “Medical Services”, “Medical Com-  
14 munity Care”, “Medical Support and Compliance”, and  
15 “Medical Facilities”, up to \$739,918,000, plus reimburse-  
16 ments, may be transferred to the Joint Department of De-  
17 fense—Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility  
18 Demonstration Fund, established by section 1704 of the  
19 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010  
20 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 2571) and may be used  
21 for operation of the facilities designated as combined Fed-  
22 eral medical facilities as described by section 706 of the  
23 Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for  
24 Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500):  
25 *Provided*, That additional funds may be transferred from

1 accounts designated in this section to the Joint Depart-  
2 ment of Defense—Department of Veterans Affairs Med-  
3 ical Facility Demonstration Fund upon written notifica-  
4 tion by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to the Commit-  
5 tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

6 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

7 SEC. 221. Such sums as may be deposited into the  
8 Medical Care Collections Fund pursuant to section 1729A  
9 of title 38, United States Code, for healthcare provided  
10 at facilities designated as combined Federal medical facili-  
11 ties as described by section 706 of the Duncan Hunter  
12 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009  
13 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500) shall also be avail-  
14 able: (1) for transfer to the Joint Department of De-  
15 fense—Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility  
16 Demonstration Fund, established by section 1704 of the  
17 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010  
18 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 2571); and (2) for oper-  
19 ations of the facilities designated as combined Federal  
20 medical facilities as described by section 706 of the Dun-  
21 can Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal  
22 Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500): *Pro-*  
23 *vided*, That, notwithstanding section 1704(b)(3) of the  
24 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010  
25 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 2573), amounts trans-

1   ferred to the Joint Department of Defense—Department  
2   of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund  
3   shall remain available until expended.

4                   (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

5       SEC. 222. Of the amounts available in this title for  
6   “Medical Services”, “Medical Community Care”, “Medical  
7   Support and Compliance”, and “Medical Facilities”, a  
8   minimum of \$15,000,000 shall be transferred to the  
9   DOD–VA Health Care Sharing Incentive Fund, as au-  
10  thorized by section 8111(d) of title 38, United States  
11  Code, to remain available until expended, for any purpose  
12  authorized by section 8111 of title 38, United States Code.

13       SEC. 223. None of the funds available to the Depart-  
14  ment of Veterans Affairs, in this or any other Act, may  
15  be used to replace the current system by which the Vet-  
16  erans Integrated Service Networks select and contract for  
17  diabetes monitoring supplies and equipment.

18       SEC. 224. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall no-  
19  tify the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of  
20  Congress of all bid savings in a major construction project  
21  that total at least \$5,000,000, or 5 percent of the pro-  
22  grammed amount of the project, whichever is less: *Pro-*  
23  *vided*, That such notification shall occur within 14 days  
24  of a contract identifying the programmed amount: *Pro-*  
25  *vided further*, That the Secretary shall notify the Commit-



tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress 14  
days prior to the obligation of such bid savings and shall  
describe the anticipated use of such savings.

SEC. 225. None of the funds made available for  
“Construction, Major Projects” may be used for a project  
in excess of the scope specified for that project in the origi-  
nal justification data provided to the Congress as part of  
the request for appropriations unless the Secretary of Vet-  
erans Affairs receives approval from the Committees on  
Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

SEC. 226. Not later than 30 days after the end of  
each fiscal quarter, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall  
submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both  
Houses of Congress a quarterly report containing perform-  
ance measures and data from each Veterans Benefits Ad-  
ministration Regional Office: *Provided*, That, at a min-  
imum, the report shall include the direction contained in  
the section entitled “Disability claims backlog”, under the  
heading “General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits  
Administration” in the joint explanatory statement accom-  
panying Public Law 114–223: *Provided further*, That the  
report shall also include information on the number of ap-  
peals pending at the Veterans Benefits Administration as  
well as the Board of Veterans Appeals on a quarterly  
basis.

1       SEC. 227. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall  
2 provide written notification to the Committees on Appro-  
3 priations of both Houses of Congress 15 days prior to or-  
4 ganizational changes which result in the transfer of 25 or  
5 more full-time equivalents from one organizational unit of  
6 the Department of Veterans Affairs to another.

7       SEC. 228. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall  
8 provide on a quarterly basis to the Committees on Appro-  
9 priations of both Houses of Congress notification of any  
10 single national outreach and awareness marketing cam-  
11 paign in which obligations exceed \$1,000,000.

12                   (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

22       SEC. 230. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may not  
23 reprogram funds among major construction projects or  
24 programs if such instance of reprogramming will exceed  
25 a cumulative \$7,000,000, unless such reprogramming is

1 approved by the Committees on Appropriations of both  
2 Houses of Congress.

3 SEC. 231. (a) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall  
4 ensure that the toll-free suicide hotline under section  
5 1720F(h) of title 38, United States Code—

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

9 (2) adheres to all requirements of the American  
10 Association of Suicidology.

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

19 (2) In this subsection—

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

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

1                   (i) any Executive order, Presidential  
2                   memorandum, or other action by the President;  
3                   and

4                   (ii) any agency policy, order, or other di-  
5                   rective.

6           (c)(1) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall con-  
7           duct a study on the effectiveness of the hotline specified  
8           in subsection (a) during the 5-year period beginning on  
9           January 1, 2016, based on an analysis of national suicide  
10          data and data collected from such hotline.

11          (2) At a minimum, the study required by paragraph  
12          (1) shall—

13                (A) determine the number of veterans who con-  
14                tact the hotline specified in subsection (a) and who  
15                receive follow up services from the hotline or mental  
16                health services from the Department of Veterans Af-  
17                fairs thereafter;

18                (B) determine the number of veterans who con-  
19                tact the hotline who are not referred to, or do not  
20                continue receiving, mental health care who commit  
21                suicide; and

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

24          SEC. 232. Effective during the period beginning on  
25          October 1, 2018, and ending on January 1, 2027, none

1 of the funds made available to the Secretary of Veterans  
2 Affairs by this or any other Act may be obligated or ex-  
3 pended in contravention of the “Veterans Health Adminis-  
4 tration Clinical Preventive Services Guidance Statement  
5 on the Veterans Health Administration’s Screening for  
6 Breast Cancer Guidance” published on May 10, 2017, as  
7 issued by the Veterans Health Administration National  
8 Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention.

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

13 (1) fertility counseling and treatment using as-  
14 sisted reproductive technology to a covered veteran  
15 or the spouse of a covered veteran; or

16 (2) adoption reimbursement to a covered vet-  
17 eran.

18 (b) In this section:

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

22 (2) The term “covered veteran” means a vet-  
23 eran, as such term is defined in section 101 of title  
24 38, United States Code, who has a service-connected

1       disability that results in the inability of the veteran  
2       to procreate without the use of fertility treatment.

3           (3) The term “assisted reproductive tech-  
4       nology” means benefits relating to reproductive as-  
5       sistance provided to a member of the Armed Forces  
6       who incurs a serious injury or illness on active duty  
7       pursuant to section 1074(c)(4)(A) of title 10, United  
8       States Code, as described in the memorandum on  
9       the subject of “Policy for Assisted Reproductive  
10      Services for the Benefit of Seriously or Severely Ill/  
11      Injured (Category II or III) Active Duty Service  
12      Members” issued by the Assistant Secretary of De-  
13      fense for Health Affairs on April 3, 2012, and the  
14      guidance issued to implement such policy, including  
15      any limitations on the amount of such benefits avail-  
16      able to such a member except that—

17           (A) the time periods regarding embryo  
18           cryopreservation and storage set forth in part  
19           III(G) and in part IV(H) of such memorandum  
20           shall not apply; and

21           (B) such term includes embryo  
22           cryopreservation and storage without limitation  
23           on the duration of such cryopreservation and  
24           storage.

1           (4) The term “adoption reimbursement” means  
2 reimbursement for the adoption-related expenses for  
3 an adoption that is finalized after the date of the en-  
4 actment of this Act under the same terms as apply  
5 under the adoption reimbursement program of the  
6 Department of Defense, as authorized in Depart-  
7 ment of Defense Instruction 1341.09, including the  
8 reimbursement limits and requirements set forth in  
9 such instruction.

10       (c) Amounts made available for the purposes speci-  
11 fied in subsection (a) of this section are subject to the  
12 requirements for funds contained in section 508 of division  
13 H of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public  
14 Law 115–141).

15       SEC. 234. None of the funds appropriated or other-  
16 wise made available by this Act or any other Act for the  
17 Department of Veterans Affairs may be used in a manner  
18 that is inconsistent with: (1) section 842 of the Transpor-  
19 tation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, the  
20 Judiciary, the District of Columbia, and Independent  
21 Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 (Public Law 109–115;  
22 119 Stat. 2506); or (2) section 8110(a)(5) of title 38,  
23 United States Code.

24       SEC. 235. Section 842 of Public Law 109–115 shall  
25 not apply to conversion of an activity or function of the

1 Veterans Health Administration, Veterans Benefits Ad-  
2 ministration, or National Cemetery Administration to con-  
3 tractor performance by a business concern that is at least  
4 51 percent owned by one or more Indian Tribes as defined  
5 in section 5304(e) of title 25, United States Code, or one  
6 or more Native Hawaiian Organizations as defined in sec-  
7 tion 637(a)(15) of title 15, United States Code.

8       SEC. 236. (a) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in  
9 consultation with the Secretary of Defense and the Sec-  
10 retary of Labor, shall discontinue collecting and using So-  
11 cial Security account numbers to authenticate individuals  
12 in all information systems of the Department of Veterans  
13 Affairs for all individuals not later than September 30,  
14 2026.

15       (b) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may collect and  
16 use a Social Security account number to identify an indi-  
17 vidual, in accordance with section 552a of title 5, United  
18 States Code, in an information system of the Department  
19 of Veterans Affairs if and only if the use of such number  
20 is necessary to:

21               (1) obtain or provide information the Secretary  
22 requires from an information system that is not  
23 under the jurisdiction of the Secretary;

24               (2) comply with a law, regulation, or court  
25 order;



1 (3) perform anti-fraud activities; or

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

4 (c) The matter in subsections (a) and (b) shall super-  
5 sede section 237 of division A of Public Law 118–42.

6 SEC. 237. For funds provided to the Department of  
7 Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2026 and 2027  
8 for “Medical Services”, section 239 of division A of Public  
9 Law 114–223 shall apply.

10 SEC. 238. None of the funds appropriated in this or  
11 prior appropriations Acts or otherwise made available to  
12 the Department of Veterans Affairs may be used to trans-  
13 fer any amounts from the Filipino Veterans Equity Com-  
14 pensation Fund to any other account within the Depart-  
15 ment of Veterans Affairs.

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

22 SEC. 240. None of the funds appropriated or other-  
23 wise made available in this title may be used by the Sec-  
24 retary of Veterans Affairs to enter into an agreement re-  
25 lated to resolving a dispute or claim with an individual

1 that would restrict in any way the individual from speak-  
2 ing to members of Congress or their staff on any topic  
3 not otherwise prohibited from disclosure by Federal law  
4 or required by Executive order to be kept secret in the  
5 interest of national defense or the conduct of foreign af-  
6 fairs.

7 SEC. 241. For funds provided to the Department of  
8 Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2026 and 2027,  
9 section 258 of division A of Public Law 114–223 shall  
10 apply.

11 SEC. 242. (a) None of the funds appropriated or oth-  
12 erwise made available by this Act may be used to deny  
13 an Inspector General funded under this Act timely access  
14 to any records, documents, or other materials available to  
15 the department or agency over which that Inspector Gen-  
16 eral has responsibilities under the Inspector General Act  
17 of 1978 (5 U.S.C. 401 et seq.), or to prevent or impede  
18 the access of the Inspector General to such records, docu-  
19 ments, or other materials, under any provision of law, ex-  
20 cept a provision of law that expressly refers to such In-  
21 spector General and expressly limits the right of access.

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

1 (c) Each Inspector General shall ensure compliance  
2 with statutory limitations on disclosure relevant to the in-  
3 formation provided by the establishment over which that  
4 Inspector General has responsibilities under the Inspector  
5 General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. 401 et seq.).

6 (d) Each Inspector General covered by this section  
7 shall report to the Committee on Appropriations of the  
8 Senate and the Committee on Appropriations of the House  
9 of Representatives within 5 calendar days of any failure  
10 by any department or agency covered by this section to  
11 comply with this requirement.

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

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

1       SEC. 245. For funds provided to the Department of  
2 Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2026 and 2027,  
3 section 248 of division A of Public Law 114–223 shall  
4 apply.

5       SEC. 246. (a) None of the funds appropriated or oth-  
6 erwise made available by this Act may be used to conduct  
7 research commencing on or after the date of enactment  
8 of this Act, that uses any canine, feline, or non-human  
9 primate unless the Secretary of Veterans Affairs approves  
10 such research specifically and in writing pursuant to sub-  
11 section (b).

12       (b)(1) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may approve  
13 the conduct of research commencing on or after the date  
14 of enactment of this Act, using canines, felines, or non-  
15 human primates if the Secretary certifies that—

16           (A) the scientific objectives of the research can  
17 only be met by using such canines, felines, or non-  
18 human primates and cannot be met using other ani-  
19 mal models, in vitro models, computational models,  
20 human clinical studies, or other research alter-  
21 natives;

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

1 (C) the research is consistent with the revised  
2 Department of Veterans Affairs canine research pol-  
3 icy document dated December 15, 2017, including  
4 any subsequent revisions to such document; and

5 (D) ethical considerations regarding minimizing  
6 the harm experienced by canines, felines, or non-  
7 human primates are included in evaluating the sci-  
8 entific necessity of the research.

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

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

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

18 (2) the date on which the Secretary approved  
19 the research;

20 (3) the USDA pain category on the approved  
21 use;

22 (4) the justification for the determination of the  
23 Secretary that the scientific objectives of such re-  
24 search could only be met using canines, felines, or

1 non-human primates, and methods used to make  
2 such determination;

3 (5) the frequency and duration of such re-  
4 search; and

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

8 (d) Not later than 180 days after the date of the en-  
9 actment of this Act, and biannually thereafter, the Sec-  
10 retary shall submit to such Committees a report describ-  
11 ing—

12 (1) any research being conducted by the De-  
13 partment of Veterans Affairs using canines, felines,  
14 or non-human primates as of the date of the sub-  
15 mittal of the report;

16 (2) the circumstances under which such re-  
17 search was conducted using canines, felines, or non-  
18 human primates;

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

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

23 (5) the development and adoption of alter-  
24 natives to canines, felines, or non-human primate re-  
25 search.

1 (e) Not later than 180 days after the date of the en-  
2 actment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Depart-  
3 ment of Veterans Affairs must submit to voluntary U.S.  
4 Department of Agriculture inspections of canine, feline,  
5 and non-human primate research facilities.

6 (f) Not later than 180 days after the date of the en-  
7 actment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Secretary  
8 shall submit to such Committees a report describing—

9 (1) any violations of the Animal Welfare Act,  
10 the Public Health Service Policy on Humane Care  
11 and Use of Laboratory Animals, or other Depart-  
12 ment of Veterans Affairs policies related to oversight  
13 of animal research found during that quarter in VA  
14 research facilities;

15 (2) immediate corrective actions taken; and

16 (3) specific actions taken to prevent their recur-  
17 rence.

18 (g) The Department shall implement a plan under  
19 which the Secretary will eliminate the research conducted  
20 using canines, felines, or non-human primates by not later  
21 than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

22 SEC. 247. (a) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may  
23 use amounts appropriated or otherwise made available in  
24 this title to ensure that the ratio of veterans to full-time  
25 employment equivalents within any program of rehabilita-

1 tion conducted under chapter 31 of title 38, United States  
2 Code, does not exceed 125 veterans to one full-time em-  
3 ployment equivalent.

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

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

11 (2) recommendations for such action as the  
12 Secretary considers necessary to reduce the veteran-  
13 to-staff ratio for each such program.

14 SEC. 248. Amounts made available for the “Veterans  
15 Health Administration, Medical Community Care” ac-  
16 count in this or any other Act for fiscal years 2026 and  
17 2027 may be used for expenses that would otherwise be  
18 payable from the Veterans Choice Fund established by  
19 section 802 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Account-  
20 ability Act, as amended (38 U.S.C. 1701 note).

21 SEC. 249. Obligations and expenditures applicable to  
22 the “Medical Services” account in fiscal years 2017  
23 through 2019 for aid to state homes (as authorized by  
24 section 1741 of title 38, United States Code) shall remain



1 in the “Medical Community Care” account for such fiscal  
2 years.

3       SEC. 250. Of the amounts made available for the De-  
4 partment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2026, in this  
5 or any other Act, under the “Veterans Health Administra-  
6 tion—Medical Services”, “Veterans Health Administra-  
7 tion—Medical Community Care”, “Veterans Health Ad-  
8 ministration—Medical Support and Compliance”, “Vet-  
9 erans Health Administration—Medical Facilities”, and  
10 “Cost of War Toxic Exposures Fund”, accounts,  
11 \$1,429,181,000 shall be made available for gender-specific  
12 care and programmatic efforts to deliver care for women  
13 veterans; \$697,800,000 shall be made available for suicide  
14 prevention outreach programs; \$3,500,000,000 shall be  
15 made available for the Caregivers program; \$42,000,000  
16 shall be made available for the National Center for Post-  
17 Traumatic Stress Disorder; \$70,000,000 shall be made  
18 available for the Neurology Centers of Excellence;  
19 \$342,455,000 shall be made available for rural health  
20 care; and, \$3,459,121,000 shall be made available for vet-  
21 erans’ homelessness programs.

22       SEC. 251. Of the unobligated balances available in  
23 fiscal year 2026 in the “Recurring Expenses Trans-  
24 formational Fund” established in section 243 of division  
25 J of Public Law 114–113, and in addition to any funds

1 otherwise made available for such purposes in this, prior,  
2 or subsequent fiscal years, \$900,000,000 shall be available  
3 for constructing, altering, extending, and improving med-  
4 ical facilities of the Veterans Health Administration, in-  
5 cluding all supporting activities and required contin-  
6 gencies, during the period of availability of the Fund: *Pro-*  
7 *vided*, That prior to obligation of any of the funds pro-  
8 vided in this section, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
9 must provide a plan for the execution of the funds appro-  
10 priated in this section to the Committees on Appropria-  
11 tions of both Houses of Congress and such Committees  
12 issue an approval, or absent a response, a period of 30  
13 days has elapsed.

14 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

15 SEC. 252. Of the \$75,039,000,000 to become avail-  
16 able on October 1, 2025, previously appropriated under  
17 the heading “Veterans Health Administration—Medical  
18 Services” in the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act,  
19 2025 (division A of Public Law 119–4), \$2,030,000,000  
20 shall be transferred to “Veterans Health Administration—  
21 Medical Facilities”.

22 SEC. 253. Not later than 30 days after enactment  
23 of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees  
24 on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress an expendi-  
25 ture plan for funds made available in this Act and any

1 available unobligated balances from prior Acts, including  
2 the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 (Public Law 118–  
3 5), for the Cost of War Toxic Exposures Fund: *Provided*,  
4 That the budget resource categories supporting the Vet-  
5 erans Health Administration shall be reported by the sub-  
6 categories “Medical Services”, “Medical Community  
7 Care”, “Medical Support and Compliance”, and “Medical  
8 and Prosthetic Research”: *Provided further*, That not later  
9 than 30 days after the end of each fiscal quarter, the Sec-  
10 retary shall submit a quarterly report on the status of the  
11 funds, including, at a minimum, an update on obligations  
12 by program, project or activity.

13 SEC. 254. Any amounts transferred to the Secretary  
14 and administered by a corporation referred to in section  
15 7364(b) of title 38, United States Code, between October  
16 1, 2017 and September 30, 2018 for purposes of carrying  
17 out an order placed with the Department of Veterans Af-  
18 fairs pursuant to section 1535 of title 31, United States  
19 Code, that are available for obligation pursuant to section  
20 7364(b)(1) of title 38, United States Code, are to remain  
21 available for the liquidation of valid obligations incurred  
22 by such corporation during the period of performance of  
23 such order, provided that the Secretary of Veterans Af-  
24 fairs determines that such amounts need to remain avail-  
25 able for such liquidation.

1        SEC. 255. None of the funds in this or any other Act  
2 may be used to close Department of Veterans Affairs hos-  
3 pitals, domiciliaries, or clinics, conduct an environmental  
4 assessment, or to diminish healthcare services at existing  
5 Veterans Health Administration medical facilities as part  
6 of a planned realignment of services until the Secretary  
7 provides to the Committees on Appropriations of both  
8 Houses of Congress a report including an analysis of how  
9 any such planned realignment of services will impact ac-  
10 cess to care for veterans living in rural or highly rural  
11 areas, including travel distances and transportation costs  
12 to access a Department medical facility and availability  
13 of local specialty and primary care.

14        SEC. 256. Unobligated balances available under the  
15 headings “Construction, Major Projects” and “Construc-  
16 tion, Minor Projects” may be obligated by the Secretary  
17 of Veterans Affairs for a facility pursuant to section  
18 2(e)(1) of the Communities Helping Invest through Prop-  
19 erty and Improvements Needed for Veterans Act of 2016  
20 (Public Law 114–294; 38 U.S.C. 8103 note), as amended,  
21 to provide additional funds or to fund an escalation clause  
22 under such section of such Act: *Provided*, That before such  
23 unobligated balances are obligated pursuant to this sec-  
24 tion, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall request from  
25 the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-

gress the authority to obligate such unobligated balances and such Committees issue an approval, or absent a response, a period of 30 days has elapsed: *Provided further*, That the request to obligate such unobligated balances must provide Congress notice that the entity described in section 2(a)(2) of Public Law 114–294, as amended, has exhausted available cost containment approaches as set forth in the agreement under section 2(c) of such Public Law.

SEC. 257. (a) None of the funds appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 for the Department of Veterans Affairs may be obligated, awarded, or expended to procure or purchase covered information technology equipment in cases where the manufacturer, bidder, or offeror, or any subsidiary or parent entity of the manufacturer, bidder, or offeror, of the equipment is an entity, or parent company of an entity listed on any of the following:

(1) the Department of Defense’s Chinese Military Company List;

(2) the Department of the Treasury’s Non-SDN Chinese Military Industrial Complex Companies List;

1           (3) the Department of Commerce’s Denied Per-  
2       sons List, Entity List, or Military End User List, if  
3       the entity is—

4           (A) an agency or instrumentality of the  
5       People’s Republic of China;

6           (B) an entity headquartered in the Peo-  
7       ple’s Republic of China; or

8           (C) directly or indirectly owned or con-  
9       trolled by an agency, instrumentality, or entity  
10      described in subparagraph (A) or (B); or

11          (4) the Department of Homeland Security’s  
12      Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act Entity List.

13      (b) APPLICABILITY TO THIRD PARTIES.—The prohi-  
14      bition in subsection (a) also applies in cases in which the  
15      Secretary has contracted with a third party for the pro-  
16      curement, purchase, or expenditure of funds on any of the  
17      equipment and software described in such subsection.

18      (c) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the  
19      term “covered information technology equipment” shall  
20      mean the following equipment used in an office environ-  
21      ment:     computers,     printers,     or     interoperable  
22      videoconferencing equipment used in or by the Depart-  
23      ment of Veterans Affairs directly. “Covered information  
24      technology equipment” shall not refer to services that use  
25      such equipment, including cloud services.

1        SEC. 258. None of the funds appropriated or other-  
2 wise made available by this Act may be used to pay award  
3 or incentive fees for contractors whose performance has  
4 been judged to be below satisfactory, behind schedule, over  
5 budget, or has failed to meet the basic requirements of  
6 a contract, unless the Agency determines that any such  
7 deviations are due to unforeseeable events, government-  
8 driven scope changes, or are not significant within the  
9 overall scope of the project and/or program and unless  
10 such awards or incentive fees are consistent with section  
11 16.401(e)(2) of the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

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, \$108,281,000 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, of which \$3,000,000  
8 shall be available until September 30, 2027: *Provided*,  
9 That \$4,256,000 shall be available for the purpose of pro-  
10 viding financial assistance as described and in accordance  
11 with the process and reporting procedures set forth under  
12 this heading in Public Law 102–229.

## 13 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—CIVIL

## 14 CEMETERIAL EXPENSES, ARMY

## 15 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

16 For necessary expenses for maintenance, operation,  
17 and improvement of Arlington National Cemetery and Sol-  
18 diers' and Airmen's Home National Cemetery, including  
19 the purchase or lease of passenger motor vehicles for re-  
20 placement on a one-for-one basis only, and not to exceed  
21 \$2,000 for official reception and representation expenses,  
22 \$118,780,450, of which not to exceed \$15,000,000 shall  
23 remain available until September 30, 2028. In addition,  
24 such sums as may be necessary for parking maintenance,  
25 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, \$79,000,000, to re-  
11 main available until September 30, 2027, of which  
12 \$2,072,000 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 \$27,000,000 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 TITLE IV

## 2 GENERAL PROVISIONS

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

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

13 SEC. 403. All departments and agencies funded under  
14 this Act are encouraged, within the limits of the existing  
15 statutory authorities and funding, to expand their use of  
16 “E-Commerce” technologies and procedures in the con-  
17 duct of their business practices and public service activi-  
18 ties.

19 SEC. 404. Unless stated otherwise, all reports and no-  
20 tifications required by this Act shall be submitted to the  
21 Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Af-  
22 fairs, and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appro-  
23 priations of the House of Representatives and the Sub-  
24 committee 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. (a) Any agency receiving funds made avail-  
9 able in this Act, shall, subject to subsections (b) and (c),  
10 post on the public Web site of that agency any report re-  
11 quired to be submitted by the Congress in this or any  
12 other Act, upon the determination by the head of the agen-  
13 cy that it shall serve the national interest.

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

15 (1) the public posting of the report com-  
16 promises national security; or

17 (2) the report contains confidential or propri-  
18 etary information.

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

23 SEC. 407. (a) None of the funds made available in  
24 this Act may be used to maintain or establish a computer

1 network unless such network blocks the viewing,  
2 downloading, and exchanging of pornography.

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

7 SEC. 408. None of the funds made available in this  
8 Act may be used by an agency of the executive branch  
9 to pay for first-class travel by an employee of the agency  
10 in contravention of sections 301–10.122 through 301–  
11 10.124 of title 41, Code of Federal Regulations.

12 SEC. 409. None of the funds made available in this  
13 Act may be used to execute a contract for goods or serv-  
14 ices, including construction services, where the contractor  
15 has not complied with Executive Order No. 12989.

16 SEC. 410. None of the funds made available by this  
17 Act may be used in contravention of section 101(e)(8) of  
18 title 10, United States Code.

19 SEC. 411. (a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds ap-  
20 propriated or otherwise made available to the Department  
21 of Defense in this Act may be used to construct, renovate,  
22 or expand any facility in the United States, its territories,  
23 or possessions to house any individual detained at United  
24 States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, for the

1 purposes of detention or imprisonment in the custody or  
2 under the control of the Department of Defense.

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

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

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

12 (2) is—

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

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

17 SEC. 412. None of the funds made available by this  
18 Act may be used by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
19 under section 5502 of title 38, United States Code, in any  
20 case arising out of the administration by the Secretary of  
21 laws and benefits under such title, to report a person who  
22 is deemed mentally incapacitated, mentally incompetent,  
23 or to be experiencing an extended loss of consciousness  
24 as a person who has been adjudicated as a mental defec-  
25 tive under subsection (d)(4) or (g)(4) of section 922 of

1 title 18, United States Code, without the order or finding  
2 of a judge, magistrate, or other judicial authority of com-  
3 petent jurisdiction that such person is a danger to himself  
4 or herself or others.

5       This Act may be cited as the “Military Construction,  
6 Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations  
7 Act, 2026”.