Making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs,
and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September
30, 2025, and for other purposes, namely:

TITLE I

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY

For acquisition, construction, installation, and equip-
ment of temporary or permanent public works, military
installations, facilities, and real property for the Army as
currently authorized by law, including personnel in the
Army Corps of Engineers and other personal services nec-
essary for the purposes of this appropriation, and for con-
struction and operation of facilities in support of the func-
tions of the Commander in Chief, $2,380,477,000, to re-
main available until September 30, 2029: Provided, That,
of this amount, not to exceed $465,408,000 shall be avail-
able for study, planning, design, architect and engineer
services, and host nation support, as authorized by law,
unless the Secretary of the Army determines that addi-
tional obligations are necessary for such purposes and not-
tifies the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses
of Congress of the determination and the reasons therefor:
Provided further, That of the amount made available
under this heading, $186,820,000 shall be for the projects
and activities, and in the amounts, specified in the table
under the heading “Military Construction, Army” in the
MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

For acquisition, construction, installation, and equipment of temporary or permanent public works, naval installations, facilities, and real property for the Navy and Marine Corps as currently authorized by law, including personnel in the Naval Facilities Engineering Command and other personal services necessary for the purposes of this appropriation, $4,874,699,000, to remain available until September 30, 2029: Provided, That, of this amount, not to exceed $839,546,000 shall be available for study, planning, design, and architect and engineer services, as authorized by law, unless the Secretary of the Navy determines that additional obligations are necessary for such purposes and notifies the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the determination and the reasons therefor: Provided further, That of the amount made available under this heading, $333,800,000 shall be for the projects and activities, and in the amounts, specified in the table under the heading “Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps” in the report accompanying this Act, in addition to amounts otherwise available for such purposes.
MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

For acquisition, construction, installation, and equipment of temporary or permanent public works, military installations, facilities, and real property for the Air Force as currently authorized by law, $3,549,626,000, to remain available until September 30, 2029: Provided, That, of this amount, not to exceed $631,726,000 shall be available for study, planning, design, and architect and engineer services, as authorized by law, unless the Secretary of the Air Force determines that additional obligations are necessary for such purposes and notifies the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the determination and the reasons therefor: Provided further, That of the amount made available under this heading, $366,000,000 shall be for the projects and activities, and in the amounts, specified in the table under the heading “Military Construction, Air Force” in the report accompanying this Act, in addition to amounts otherwise available for such purposes.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, DEFENSE-WIDE

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For acquisition, construction, installation, and equipment of temporary or permanent public works, installations, facilities, and real property for activities and agencies of the Department of Defense (other than the military
departments), as currently authorized by law, $3,601,163,000, to remain available until September 30, 2029: Provided, That such amounts of this appropriation as may be determined by the Secretary of Defense may be transferred to such appropriations of the Department of Defense available for military construction or family housing as the Secretary may designate, to be merged with and to be available for the same purposes, and for the same time period, as the appropriation or fund to which transferred: Provided further, That, of the amount, not to exceed $481,211,000 shall be available for study, planning, design, and architect and engineer services, as authorized by law, unless the Secretary of Defense determines that additional obligations are necessary for such purposes and notifies the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the determination and the reasons therefor: Provided further, That of the amount made available under this heading, $4,000,000 shall be for the projects and activities, and in the amounts, specified in the table under the heading “Military Construction, Defense-Wide” in the report accompanying this Act, in addition to amounts otherwise available for such purposes.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilitation, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-
ministration of the Army National Guard, and contribu-
tions therefor, as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10,
United States Code, and Military Construction Authoriza-
tion Acts, $456,459,000, to remain available until Sep-
tember 30, 2029: Provided, That, of the amount, not to
exceed $89,659,000 shall be available for study, planning,
design, and architect and engineer services, as authorized
by law, unless the Director of the Army National Guard
determines that additional obligations are necessary for
such purposes and notifies the Committees on Appropria-
tions of both Houses of Congress of the determination and
the reasons therefor: Provided further, That of the amount
made available under this heading, $101,330,000 shall be
for the projects and activities, and in the amounts, speci-
fied in the table under the heading “Military Construction,
Army National Guard” in the report accompanying this
Act, in addition to amounts otherwise available for such
purposes.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR NATIONAL GUARD

For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-
tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-
ministration of the Air National Guard, and contributions
therefor, as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10, United
States Code, and Military Construction Authorization
Acts, $307,792,000, to remain available until September
Provided, That, of the amount, not to exceed $43,592,000 shall be available for study, planning, design, and architect and engineer services, as authorized by law, unless the Director of the Air National Guard determines that additional obligations are necessary for such purposes and notifies the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the determination and the reasons therefor: Provided further, That of the amount made available under this heading, $113,000,000 shall be for the projects and activities, and in the amounts, specified in the table under the heading “Military Construction, Air National Guard” in the report accompanying this Act, in addition to amounts otherwise available for such purposes.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY RESERVE

For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilitation, and conversion of facilities for the training and administration of the Army Reserve as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10, United States Code, and Military Construction Authorization Acts, $375,682,000, to remain available until September 30, 2029: Provided, That, of the amount, not to exceed $37,158,000 shall be available for study, planning, design, and architect and engineer services, as authorized by law, unless the Chief of the Army Reserve determines that additional obligations are necessary for such purposes and notifies the Committees on
Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the determination and the reasons therefor: *Provided further,* That of the amount made available under this heading, $120,650,000 shall be for the projects and activities, and in the amounts, specified in the table under the heading “Military Construction, Army Reserve” in the report accompanying this Act, in addition to amounts otherwise available for such purposes.

**MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY RESERVE**

For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilitation, and conversion of facilities for the training and administration of the reserve components of the Navy and Marine Corps as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10, United States Code, and Military Construction Authorization Acts, $29,829,000, to remain available until September 30, 2029: *Provided,* That, of the amount, not to exceed $3,219,000 shall be available for study, planning, design, and architect and engineer services, as authorized by law, unless the Secretary of the Navy determines that additional obligations are necessary for such purposes and notifies the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the determination and the reasons therefor.

**MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE RESERVE**

For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilitation, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-
ministration of the Air Force Reserve as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10, United States Code, and Military Construction Authorization Acts, $107,663,000, to remain available until September 30, 2029: Provided, That, of the amount, not to exceed $16,962,000 shall be available for study, planning, design, and architect and engineer services, as authorized by law, unless the Chief of the Air Force Reserve determines that additional obligations are necessary for such purposes and notifies the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the determination and the reasons therefor: Provided further, That of the amount made available under this heading, $38,400,000 shall be for the projects and activities, and in the amounts, specified in the table under the heading “Military Construction, Air Force Reserve” in the report accompanying this Act, in addition to amounts otherwise available for such purposes.

NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION

SECURITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

For the United States share of the cost of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Program for the acquisition and construction of military facilities and installations (including international military headquarters) and for related expenses for the collective defense of the North Atlantic Treaty Area as authorized

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE ACCOUNT**

For deposit into the Department of Defense Base Closure Account, established by section 2906(a) of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (10 U.S.C. 2687 note), $497,961,000, to remain available until expended.

**FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, ARMY**

For expenses of family housing for the Army for construction, including acquisition, replacement, addition, expansion, extension, and alteration, as authorized by law, $276,647,000, to remain available until September 30, 2029.

**FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY**

For expenses of family housing for the Army for operation and maintenance, including debt payment, leasing, minor construction, principal and interest charges, and insurance premiums, as authorized by law, $475,611,000.

**FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS**

For expenses of family housing for the Navy and Marine Corps for construction, including acquisition, replace-
ment, addition, expansion, extension, and alteration, as authorized by law, $245,742,000, to remain available until September 30, 2029.

**FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE,**

**NAVY AND MARINE CORPS**

For expenses of family housing for the Navy and Marine Corps for operation and maintenance, including debt payment, leasing, minor construction, principal and interest charges, and insurance premiums, as authorized by law, $377,217,000.

**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, $221,549,000, to remain available until September 30, 2029.

**FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE**

For expenses of family housing for the Air Force for operation and maintenance, including debt payment, leasing, minor construction, principal and interest charges, and insurance premiums, as authorized by law, $326,250,000.
FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE,

DEFENSE-WIDE

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

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

FAMILY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT FUND

For the Department of Defense Family Housing Improvement Fund, $8,195,000, to remain available until expended, for family housing initiatives undertaken pursuant to section 2883 of title 10, United States Code, providing alternative means of acquiring and improving military family housing and supporting facilities.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

MILITARY UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING IMPROVEMENT FUND

For the Department of Defense Military Unaccompanied Housing Improvement Fund, $497,000, to remain available until expended, for unaccompanied housing initiatives undertaken pursuant to section 2883 of title 10, United States Code, providing alternative means of acquiring and improving military unaccompanied housing and supporting facilities.
Sec. 101. None of the funds made available in this title shall be expended for payments under a cost-plus-a-fixed-fee contract for construction, where cost estimates exceed $25,000, to be performed within the United States, except Alaska, without the specific approval in writing of the Secretary of Defense setting forth the reasons therefore.

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

Sec. 103. Funds made available in this title for construction may be used for advances to the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, for the construction of access roads as authorized by section 210 of title 23, United States Code, when projects authorized therein are certified as important to the national defense by the Secretary of Defense.

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

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

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

Sec. 107. None of the funds made available in this title for minor construction may be used to transfer or relocate any activity from one base or installation to another, without prior notification to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

Sec. 108. None of the funds made available in this title may be used for the procurement of steel for any construction project or activity for which American steel producers, fabricators, and manufacturers have been denied the opportunity to compete for such steel procurement.

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

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

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

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

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

SEC. 114. Funds appropriated to the Department of Defense for construction in prior years shall be available for construction authorized for each such military department by the authorizations enacted into law during the current session of Congress.

SEC. 115. For military construction or family housing projects that are being completed with funds otherwise expired or lapsed for obligation, expired or lapsed funds may be used to pay the cost of associated supervision, inspection, overhead, engineering and design on those projects and on subsequent claims, if any.

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

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 117. Subject to 30 days prior notification, or 14 days for a notification provided in an electronic medium pursuant to sections 480 and 2883 of title 10, United States Code, to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, such additional amounts as may be determined by the Secretary of Defense may be transferred to: (1) the Department of Defense Family Housing Improvement Fund from amounts appropriated for construction in “Family Housing” accounts, to be merged with and to be available for the same purposes and for the same period of time as amounts appropriated directly to the Fund; or (2) the Department of Defense Military Unaccompanied Housing Improvement Fund from amounts appropriated for construction of military unaccompanied housing in “Military Construction” accounts, to be merged with and to be available for the same
purposes and for the same period of time as amounts appropriated directly to the Fund: Provided, That appropriations made available to the Funds shall be available to cover the costs, as defined in section 502(5) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, of direct loans or loan guarantees issued by the Department of Defense pursuant to the provisions of subchapter IV of chapter 169 of title 10, United States Code, pertaining to alternative means of acquiring and improving military family housing, military unaccompanied housing, and supporting facilities.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

Sec. 119. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds made available in this title for operation and maintenance of family housing shall be the exclusive
source of funds for repair and maintenance of all family housing units, including general or flag officer quarters: Provided, That not more than $35,000 per unit may be spent annually for the maintenance and repair of any general or flag officer quarters without 30 days prior notification, or 14 days for a notification provided in an electronic medium pursuant to sections 480 and 2883 of title 10, United States Code, to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, except that an after-the-fact notification shall be submitted if the limitation is exceeded solely due to costs associated with environmental remediation that could not be reasonably anticipated at the time of the budget submission: Provided further, That the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) is to report annually to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress all operation and maintenance expenditures for each individual general or flag officer quarters for the prior fiscal year.

Sec. 120. Amounts contained in the Ford Island Improvement Account established by subsection (h) of section 2814 of title 10, United States Code, are appropriated and shall be available until expended for the purposes specified in subsection (i)(1) of such section or until transferred pursuant to subsection (i)(3) of such section.
Sec. 121. During the 5-year period after appropriations available in this Act to the Department of Defense for military construction and family housing operation and maintenance and construction have expired for obligation, upon a determination that such appropriations will not be necessary for the liquidation of obligations or for making authorized adjustments to such appropriations for obligations incurred during the period of availability of such appropriations, unobligated balances of such appropriations may be transferred into the appropriation “Foreign Currency Fluctuations, Construction, Defense”, to be merged with and to be available for the same time period and for the same purposes as the appropriation to which transferred.

Sec. 122. Amounts appropriated or otherwise made available in an account funded under the headings in this title may be transferred among projects and activities within the account in accordance with the reprogramming guidelines for military construction and family housing construction contained in Department of Defense Financial Management Regulation 7000.14–R, Volume 3, Chapter 7, of April 2021, as in effect on the date of enactment of this Act.
SEC. 123. None of the funds made available in this title may be obligated or expended for planning and design and construction of projects at Arlington National Cemetery.

SEC. 124. For an additional amount for the accounts and in the amounts specified, to remain available until September 30, 2029:

“Military Construction, Army”, $26,500,000;

“Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps”, $50,400,000;

“Military Construction, Air Force”, $183,000,000;

“Military Construction, Defense-Wide”, $134,270,000;

“Military Construction, Army National Guard”, $54,251,000;

“Military Construction, Air National Guard”, $6,000,000; and

“Military Construction, Army Reserve”, $63,000,000:

Provided, That such funds may only be obligated to carry out construction and cost to complete projects identified in the respective military department’s unfunded priority list for fiscal year 2025 submitted to Congress: Provided further, That such projects are subject to authorization
prior to obligation and expenditure of funds to carry out
construction: *Provided further,* That not later than 60
days after enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the mili-
tary department concerned, or their designee, shall submit
to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of
Congress an expenditure plan for funds provided under
this section.

SEC. 125. All amounts appropriated to the “Department of Defense—Military Construction, Army”, “De-
partment of Defense—Military Construction, Navy and
Marine Corps”, “Department of Defense—Military Con-
struction, Air Force”, and “Department of Defense—Mili-
tary Construction, Defense-Wide” accounts pursuant to
the authorization of appropriations in a National Defense
Authorization Act specified for fiscal year 2025 in the
funding table in section 4601 of that Act shall be imme-
diately available and allotted to contract for the full scope
of authorized projects.

SEC. 126. Notwithstanding section 116 of this Act,
funds made available in this Act or any available unobli-
gated balances from prior appropriations Acts may be obli-
gated before October 1, 2026 for fiscal year 2017, 2018,
2019, and 2020 military construction projects for which
project authorization has not lapsed or for which author-
ization is extended for fiscal year 2025 by a National De-
fense Authorization Act: Provided, That no amounts may be obligated pursuant to this section from amounts that were designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

Sec. 127. For the purposes of this Act, the term “congressional defense committees” means the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate, the Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate, and the Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

Sec. 128. For an additional amount for the accounts and in the amounts specified for design and unspecified minor construction, for improving military installation resilience, to remain available until September 30, 2029:

“Military Construction, Army”, $10,000,000;

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

“Military Construction, Air Force”, $10,000,000:

Provided, That not later than 60 days after enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the military department con-
cerned, or their designee, shall submit to the Committees
on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress an expendi-
ture plan for funds provided under this section.

SEC. 129. For an additional amount for the accounts
and in the amounts specified for design and authorized
major construction projects at foreign military training
sites, to remain available until September 30, 2029:

“Military Construction, Air Force”,
$100,000,000;

“Military Construction, Defense-Wide”,
$2,500,000; and

“Military Construction, Air National Guard”,
$26,000,000:

Provided, That not later than 60 days after enactment of
this Act, the Secretary of the military department con-
cerned, or their designee, shall submit to the Committees
on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress an expendi-
ture plan for funds provided under this section.

SEC. 130. None of the funds made available by this
Act may be used to carry out the closure or realignment
of the United States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay,
Cuba.

SEC. 131. For an additional amount for “Military
Construction, Air National Guard”, $32,000,000, to re-
main available until September 30, 2028: Provided, That
such funds may only be obligated to carry out construction projects specified in a National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2025 in the funding table in section 4601 of that Act: Provided further, That not later than 30 days after enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, or their designee, shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress an expenditure plan for funds provided under this section.
TITLE II

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Veterans Benefits Administration

Compensation and Pensions

(Including Transfer of Funds)

For the payment of compensation benefits to or on behalf of veterans and a pilot program for disability examinations as authorized by section 107 and chapters 11, 13, 18, 51, 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United States Code; pension benefits to or on behalf of veterans as authorized by chapters 15, 51, 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United States Code; and burial benefits, the Reinstated Entitlement Program for Survivors, emergency and other officers’ retirement pay, adjusted-service credits and certificates, payment of premiums due on commercial life insurance policies guaranteed under the provisions of title IV of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C. App. 541 et seq.) and for other benefits as authorized by sections 107, 1312, 1977, and 2106, and chapters 23, 51, 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United States Code, $9,820,699,000, which shall be in addition to funds previously appropriated under this heading that become available on October 1, 2024, to remain available until expended; and, in addition, $204,481,753,000, which shall become available on October 1, 2025, to remain available
until expended: Provided, That not to exceed $22,816,224 of the amount made available for fiscal year 2026 under this heading shall be reimbursed to “General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration”, and “Information Technology Systems” for necessary expenses in implementing the provisions of chapters 51, 53, and 55 of title 38, United States Code, the funding source for which is specifically provided as the “Compensation and Pensions” appropriation: Provided further, That such sums as may be earned on an actual qualifying patient basis, shall be reimbursed to “Medical Care Collections Fund” to augment the funding of individual medical facilities for nursing home care provided to pensioners as authorized.

READJUSTMENT BENEFITS

For the payment of readjustment and rehabilitation benefits to or on behalf of veterans as authorized by chapters 21, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, 39, 41, 51, 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United States Code, $2,657,656,000, which shall be in addition to funds previously appropriated under this heading that become available on October 1, 2024, to remain available until expended; and, in addition, $17,614,235,000, which shall become available on October 1, 2025, to remain available until expended: Provided, That expenses for rehabilitation program services and as-
istance which the Secretary is authorized to provide under subsection (a) of section 3104 of title 38, United States Code, other than under paragraphs (1), (2), (5), and (11) of that subsection, shall be charged to this account.

VETERANS INSURANCE AND INDEMNITIES

For military and naval insurance, national service life insurance, servicemen’s indemnities, service-disabled veterans insurance, and veterans mortgage life insurance as authorized by chapters 19 and 21 of title 38, United States Code, $131,518,000, which shall become available on October 1, 2025, to remain available until expended.

VETERANS HOUSING BENEFIT PROGRAM FUND

For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans, such sums as may be necessary to carry out the program, as authorized by subchapters I through III of chapter 37 of title 38, United States Code: Provided, That such costs, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974: Provided further, That, during fiscal year 2025, within the resources available, not to exceed $500,000 in gross obligations for direct loans are authorized for specially adapted housing loans.

In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs, $319,596,460.
VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

For the cost of direct loans, $64,431, as authorized by chapter 31 of title 38, United States Code: Provided, that such costs, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974: Provided further, That funds made available under this heading are available to subsidize gross obligations for the principal amount of direct loans not to exceed $1,563,660.

In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to carry out the direct loan program, $493,868, which may be paid to the appropriation for “General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration”.

NATIVE AMERICAN VETERAN HOUSING LOAN PROGRAM ACCOUNT

For administrative expenses to carry out the direct loan program authorized by subchapter V of chapter 37 of title 38, United States Code, $5,845,241.

GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES, VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION

For necessary operating expenses of the Veterans Benefits Administration, not otherwise provided for, including hire of passenger motor vehicles, reimbursement of the General Services Administration for security guard services, and reimbursement of the Department of De-
fense for the cost of overseas employee mail, $4,035,000,000: Provided, That expenses for services and assistance authorized under paragraphs (1), (2), (5), and (11) of section 3104(a) of title 38, United States Code, that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs determines are necessary to enable entitled veterans: (1) to the maximum extent feasible, to become employable and to obtain and maintain suitable employment; or (2) to achieve maximum independence in daily living, shall be charged to this account: Provided further, That, of the funds made available under this heading, not to exceed 10 percent shall remain available until September 30, 2026.

VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

MEDICAL SERVICES

For necessary expenses for furnishing, as authorized by law, inpatient and outpatient care and treatment to beneficiaries of the Department of Veterans Affairs and veterans described in section 1705(a) of title 38, United States Code, including care and treatment in facilities not under the jurisdiction of the Department, and including medical supplies and equipment, bioengineering services, food services, and salaries and expenses of healthcare employees hired under title 38, United States Code, assistance and support services for caregivers as authorized by section 1720G of title 38, United States Code, loan repay-
mements authorized by section 604 of the Caregivers and
Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2010 (Public
monthly assistance allowances authorized by section
322(d) of title 38, United States Code, grants authorized
by section 521A of title 38, United States Code, and ad-
ministrative expenses necessary to carry out sections
322(d) and 521A of title 38, United States Code, and hos-
pital care and medical services authorized by section 1787
of title 38, United States Code; $75,039,000,000, plus re-
imbursements, which shall become available on October 1,
2025, and shall remain available until September 30,
2026: Provided, That, of the amount made available on
October 1, 2025, under this heading, $2,000,000,000 shall
remain available until September 30, 2027: Provided fur-
ther, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall establish a priority for
the provision of medical treatment for veterans who have
service-connected disabilities, lower income, or have special
needs: Provided further, That, notwithstanding any other
provision of law, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
give priority funding for the provision of basic medical
benefits to veterans in enrollment priority groups 1
through 6: Provided further, That, notwithstanding any
other provision of law, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
may authorize the dispensing of prescription drugs from Veterans Health Administration facilities to enrolled veterans with privately written prescriptions based on requirements established by the Secretary: Provided further, That the implementation of the program described in the previous proviso shall incur no additional cost to the Department of Veterans Affairs: Provided further, That the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall ensure that sufficient amounts appropriated under this heading for medical supplies and equipment are available for the acquisition of prosthetics designed specifically for female veterans: Provided further, That nothing in section 2044(e) of title 38, United States Code, may be construed as limiting amounts that may be made available under this heading for fiscal years 2025 and 2026 in this or prior Acts.

MEDICAL COMMUNITY CARE

For necessary expenses for furnishing health care to individuals pursuant to chapter 17 of title 38, United States Code, at non-Department facilities, $34,000,000,000, plus reimbursements, which shall become available on October 1, 2025, and shall remain available until September 30, 2026: Provided, That, of the amount made available on October 1, 2025, under this heading, $2,000,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2027.
MEDICAL SUPPORT AND COMPLIANCE

For necessary expenses in the administration of the medical, hospital, nursing home, domiciliary, construction, supply, and research activities, as authorized by law; administrative expenses in support of capital policy activities; and administrative and legal expenses of the Department for collecting and recovering amounts owed the Department as authorized under chapter 17 of title 38, United States Code, and the Federal Medical Care Recovery Act (42 U.S.C. 2651 et seq.), $12,700,000,000, plus reimbursements, which shall become available on October 1, 2025, and shall remain available until September 30, 2026: Provided, That, of the amount made available on October 1, 2025, under this heading, $350,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2027.

MEDICAL FACILITIES

For necessary expenses for the maintenance and operation of hospitals, nursing homes, domiciliary facilities, and other necessary facilities of the Veterans Health Administration; for administrative expenses in support of planning, design, project management, real property acquisition and disposition, construction, and renovation of any facility under the jurisdiction or for the use of the Department; for oversight, engineering, and architectural activities not charged to project costs; for repairing, alter-
ing, improving, or providing facilities in the several hos-
pitals and homes under the jurisdiction of the Depart-
ment, not otherwise provided for, either by contract or by
the hire of temporary employees and purchase of mate-
rials; for leases of facilities; and for laundry services;
$3,000,000, which shall be in addition to funds previously
appropriated under this heading that become available on
October 1, 2024; and, in addition, $9,700,000,000, plus
reimbursements, which shall become available on October
1, 2025, and shall remain available until September 30,
2026: Provided, That, of the amount made available on
October 1, 2025, under this heading, $500,000,000 shall
remain available until September 30, 2027.

MEDICAL AND PROSTHETIC RESEARCH

For necessary expenses in carrying out programs of
medical and prosthetic research and development as au-
thorized by chapter 73 of title 38, United States Code,
$878,000,000, plus reimbursements, shall remain avail-
able until September 30, 2026: Provided, That the Sec-
retary of Veterans Affairs shall ensure that sufficient
amounts appropriated under this heading are available for
prosthetic research specifically for female veterans, and
for toxic exposure research.
NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION

For necessary expenses of the National Cemetery Administration for operations and maintenance, not otherwise provided for, including uniforms or allowances therefor; cemeterial expenses as authorized by law; purchase of one passenger motor vehicle for use in cemeterial operations; hire of passenger motor vehicles; and repair, alteration or improvement of facilities under the jurisdiction of the National Cemetery Administration, $495,000,000, of which not to exceed 10 percent shall remain available until September 30, 2026.

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For necessary operating expenses of the Department of Veterans Affairs, not otherwise provided for, including administrative expenses in support of Department-wide capital planning, management and policy activities, uniforms, or allowances therefor; not to exceed $25,000 for official reception and representation expenses; hire of passenger motor vehicles; and reimbursement of the General Services Administration for security guard services, $457,000,000, of which not to exceed 10 percent shall remain available until September 30, 2026: Provided, That funds provided under this heading may be transferred to
“General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administra-
tration”.

BOARD OF VETERANS APPEALS

For necessary operating expenses of the Board of
Veterans Appeals, $267,000,000, of which not to exceed
10 percent shall remain available until September 30,
2026.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses for information technology
systems and telecommunications support, including devel-
opmental information systems and operational information
systems; for pay and associated costs; and for the capital
asset acquisition of information technology systems, in-
cluding management and related contractual costs of said
acquisitions, including contractual costs associated with
operations authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United
States Code, $6,276,693,000, plus reimbursements: Pro-
vided, That $1,695,247,816 shall be for pay and associ-
ated costs, of which not to exceed 3 percent shall remain
available until September 30, 2026: Provided further, That
$4,575,983,911 shall be for operations and maintenance,
of which not to exceed 5 percent shall remain available
until September 30, 2026, and of which $118,900,000
shall remain available until September 30, 2029, for the
purpose of facility activations related to projects funded by the “Construction, Major Projects”, “Construction, Minor Projects”, “Medical Facilities”, “National Cemetery Administration”, “General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration”, and “General Administration” accounts: Provided further, That $5,461,273 shall be for information technology systems development, and shall remain available until September 30, 2026: Provided further, That amounts made available for salaries and expenses, operations and maintenance, and information technology systems development may be transferred among the three subaccounts after the Secretary of Veterans Affairs requests from the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress the authority to make the transfer and an approval is issued: Provided further, That amounts made available for the “Information Technology Systems” account for development may be transferred among projects or to newly defined projects: Provided further, That no project may be increased or decreased by more than $3,000,000 of cost prior to submitting a request to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress to make the transfer and an approval is issued, or absent a response, a period of 30 days has elapsed: Provided further, That the funds made available under this heading for information technology sys-
tems development shall be for the projects, and in the amounts, specified under this heading in the report accompanying this Act.

VETERANS ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD

For activities related to implementation, preparation, development, interface, management, rollout, and maintenance of a Veterans Electronic Health Record system, including contractual costs associated with operations authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code, and salaries and expenses of employees hired under titles 5 and 38, United States Code, $894,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2027: Provided, That the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress quarterly reports detailing obligations, expenditures, and deployment implementation by facility, including any changes from the deployment plan or schedule: Provided further, That the funds provided in this account shall only be available to the Office of the Deputy Secretary, to be administered by that Office: Provided further, That 25 percent of the funds made available under this heading shall not be available until July 1, 2025, and are contingent upon the Secretary of Veterans Affairs providing to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a plan by June 1, 2025, with benchmarks and meas-
urable metrics for deployment, a timeline for future deployments, a list of each instance when the contractor supporting this program has not met its obligations for system availability, a plan to standardize the system for deployment across the enterprise, and an update on the progress of upgrades to the pharmacy and billing applications.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector General, to include information technology, in carrying out the provisions of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. 401 et seq.), $301,000,000, of which not to exceed 10 percent shall remain available until September 30, 2026.

CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR PROJECTS

For constructing, altering, extending, and improving any of the facilities, including parking projects, under the jurisdiction or for the use of the Department of Veterans Affairs, or for any of the purposes set forth in sections 316, 2404, 2406 and chapter 81 of title 38, United States Code, not otherwise provided for, including planning, architectural and engineering services, construction management services, maintenance or guarantee period services costs associated with equipment guarantees provided under the project, services of claims analysts, offsite utility
and storm drainage system construction costs, and site acquisition, where the estimated cost of a project is more than the amount set forth in section 8104(a)(3)(A) of title 38, United States Code, or where funds for a project were made available in a previous major project appropriation, $2,069,000,000, of which $1,265,300,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2029, and of which $803,700,000 shall remain available until expended: Provided, That except for advance planning activities, including needs assessments which may or may not lead to capital investments, and other capital asset management related activities, including portfolio development and management activities, and planning, cost estimating, and design for major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases and investment strategy studies funded through the advance planning fund and the planning and design activities funded through the design fund, staffing expenses, and funds provided for the purchase, security, and maintenance of land for the National Cemetery Administration and the Veterans Health Administration through the land acquisition line item, none of the funds made available under this heading shall be used for any project that has not been notified to Congress through the budgetary process or that has not been approved by the Congress through statute, joint resolution, or in the ex-
planatory statement accompanying such Act and presented to the President at the time of enrollment: Provided further, That funds provided for the Veterans Health Administration through the land acquisition line item shall be only for projects included on the five year development plan notified to Congress through the budgetary process: Provided further, That such sums as may be necessary shall be available to reimburse the “General Administration” account for payment of salaries and expenses of all Office of Construction and Facilities Management employees to support the full range of capital infrastructure services provided, including minor construction and leasing services: Provided further, That funds made available under this heading for fiscal year 2025, for each approved project shall be obligated: (1) by the awarding of a construction documents contract by September 30, 2025; and (2) by the awarding of a construction contract by September 30, 2026: Provided further, That the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall promptly submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a written report on any approved major construction project for which obligations are not incurred within the time limitations established above.
CONSTRUCTION, MINOR PROJECTS

For constructing, altering, extending, and improving any of the facilities, including parking projects, under the jurisdiction or for the use of the Department of Veterans Affairs, including planning and assessments of needs which may lead to capital investments, architectural and engineering services, maintenance or guarantee period services costs associated with equipment guarantees provided under the project, services of claims analysts, offsite utility and storm drainage system construction costs, and site acquisition, or for any of the purposes set forth in sections 316, 2404, 2406 and chapter 81 of title 38, United States Code, not otherwise provided for, where the estimated cost of a project is equal to or less than the amount set forth in section 8104(a)(3)(A) of title 38, United States Code, $380,453,000, of which $342,408,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2029, and of which $38,045,000 shall remain available until expended, along with unobligated balances of previous “Construction, Minor Projects” appropriations which are hereby made available for any project where the estimated cost is equal to or less than the amount set forth in such section: Provided, That funds made available under this heading shall be for: (1) repairs to any of the nonmedical facilities under the jurisdiction or for the use
of the Department which are necessary because of loss or 
damage caused by any natural disaster or catastrophe; 
and (2) temporary measures necessary to prevent or to 
minimize further loss by such causes: Provided further, 
That up to $2,000,000 shall be available to reimburse the 
“General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Adminis-
tration”, “National Cemetery Administration”, and “Gen-
eral Administration”, accounts for payment of salaries 
and expenses of employees to support Minor Construction 
projects.

GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STATE EXTENDED CARE 
FACILITIES

For grants to assist States to acquire or construct 
State nursing home and domiciliary facilities and to re-
model, modify, or alter existing hospital, nursing home, 
and domiciliary facilities in State homes, for furnishing 
care to veterans as authorized by sections 8131 through 
8137 of title 38, United States Code, $150,000,000, to 
remain available until expended.

GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF VETERANS CEMETERIES

For grants to assist States and tribal organizations 
in establishing, expanding, or improving veterans ceme-
teries as authorized by section 2408 of title 38, United 
States Code, $65,000,000, to remain available until ex-
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ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 201. Any appropriation for fiscal year 2025 for "Compensation and Pensions", "Readjustment Benefits", and "Veterans Insurance and Indemnities" may be transferred as necessary to any other of the mentioned appropriations: Provided, That, before a transfer may take place, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall request from the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress the authority to make the transfer and such Committees issue an approval, or absent a response, a period of 30 days has elapsed.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 202. Amounts made available for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2025, in this or any other Act, under the "Medical Services", "Medical Community Care", "Medical Support and Compliance", and "Medical Facilities" accounts may be transferred among the accounts: Provided, That any transfers among the "Medical Services", "Medical Community Care", and "Medical Support and Compliance" accounts of 1 percent or less of the total amount appropriated to the account in this or any other Act may take place subject to notification from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of
the amount and purpose of the transfer: Provided further, That any transfers among the “Medical Services”, “Medical Community Care”, and “Medical Support and Compliance” accounts in excess of 1 percent, or exceeding the cumulative 1 percent for the fiscal year, may take place only after the Secretary requests from the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress the authority to make the transfer and an approval is issued: Provided further, That any transfers to or from the “Medical Facilities” account may take place only after the Secretary requests from the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress the authority to make the transfer and an approval is issued.

Sec. 203. Appropriations available in this title for salaries and expenses shall be available for services authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code; hire of passenger motor vehicles; lease of a facility or land or both; and uniforms or allowances therefore, as authorized by sections 5901 through 5902 of title 5, United States Code.

Sec. 204. No appropriations in this title (except the appropriations for “Construction, Major Projects” and “Construction, Minor Projects”) shall be available for the purchase of any site for or toward the construction of any new hospital or home.
Sec. 205. No appropriations in this title shall be available for hospitalization or examination of any persons (except beneficiaries entitled to such hospitalization or examination under the laws providing such benefits to veterans, and persons receiving such treatment under sections 7901 through 7904 of title 5, United States Code, or the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.)), unless reimbursement of the cost of such hospitalization or examination is made to the “Medical Services” account at such rates as may be fixed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Sec. 206. Appropriations available in this title for “Compensation and Pensions”, “Readjustment Benefits”, and “Veterans Insurance and Indemnities” shall be available for payment of prior year accrued obligations required to be recorded by law against the corresponding prior year accounts within the last quarter of fiscal year 2024.

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”.

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SEC. 208. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, during fiscal year 2025, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall, from the National Service Life Insurance Fund under section 1920 of title 38, United States Code, the Veterans' Special Life Insurance Fund under section 1923 of title 38, United States Code, and the United States Government Life Insurance Fund under section 1955 of title 38, United States Code, reimburse the “General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration” and “Information Technology Systems” accounts for the cost of administration of the insurance programs financed through those accounts: Provided, That reimbursement shall be made only from the surplus earnings accumulated in such an insurance program during fiscal year 2025 that are available for dividends in that program after claims have been paid and actuarially determined reserves have been set aside: Provided further, That if the cost of administration of such an insurance program exceeds the amount of surplus earnings accumulated in that program, reimbursement shall be made only to the extent of such surplus earnings: Provided further, That the Secretary shall determine the cost of administration for fiscal year 2025 which is properly allocable to the provision of each such insurance program and to the provision of any total...
disability income insurance included in that insurance pro-
gram.

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

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 210. Funds available in this title or funds for
salaries and other administrative expenses shall also be
available to reimburse the Office of Resolution Manage-
ment, Diversity and Inclusion, the Office of Employment
Discrimination Complaint Adjudication, and the Alter-
native Dispute Resolution function within the Office of
Human Resources and Administration for all services pro-
vided at rates which will recover actual costs but not to
exceed $143,363,000 for the Office of Resolution Manage-
ment, Diversity and Inclusion, $9,606,581 for the Office
of Employment Discrimination Complaint Adjudication,
and $7,686,000 for the Alternative Dispute Resolution
function within the Office of Human Resources and Ad-
ministration: Provided, That payments may be made in
advance for services to be furnished based on estimated
costs: Provided further, That amounts received shall be
ereded to the “General Administration” and “Informa-
tion Technology Systems” accounts for use by the office
that provided the service.

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

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 212. Notwithstanding any other provision of
law, proceeds or revenues derived from enhanced-use leasing activities (including disposal) may be deposited into
the “Construction, Major Projects” and “Construction,
Minor Projects” accounts and be used for construction
(including site acquisition and disposition), alterations, and improvements of any medical facility under the jurisdiction or for the use of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Such sums as realized are in addition to the amount provided for in “Construction, Major Projects” and “Construction, Minor Projects”.

Sec. 213. Amounts made available under “Medical Services” are available—

(1) for furnishing recreational facilities, supplies, and equipment; and

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

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Sec. 214. Such sums as may be deposited into the Medical Care Collections Fund pursuant to section 1729A of title 38, United States Code, may be transferred to the “Medical Services” and “Medical Community Care” accounts to remain available until expended for the purposes of these accounts.

Sec. 215. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may enter into agreements with Federally Qualified Health Centers in the State of Alaska and Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations which are party to the Alaska Native Health Compact with the Indian Health Service, to pro-
vide healthcare, including behavioral health and dental care, to veterans in rural Alaska. The Secretary shall require participating veterans and facilities to comply with all appropriate rules and regulations, as established by the Secretary. The term “rural Alaska” shall mean those lands which are not within the boundaries of the municipality of Anchorage or the Fairbanks North Star Borough.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 216. Such sums as may be deposited into the Department of Veterans Affairs Capital Asset Fund pursuant to section 8118 of title 38, United States Code, may be transferred to the “Construction, Major Projects” and “Construction, Minor Projects” accounts, to remain available until expended for the purposes of these accounts.

SEC. 217. 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 report on the financial status of the Department of Veterans Affairs for the preceding quarter: Provided, That, at a minimum, the report shall include the direction contained in the paragraph entitled “Quarterly reporting”, under the heading “General Administration” in the joint explanatory statement accompanying Public Law 114–223.
SEC. 218. Amounts made available under the “Medical Services”, “Medical Community Care”, “Medical Support and Compliance”, “Medical Facilities”, “General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration”, “Board of Veterans Appeals”, “General Administration”, and “National Cemetery Administration” accounts for fiscal year 2025 may be transferred to or from the “Information 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.

SEC. 219. Of the amounts appropriated to the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2025 for “Medical Services”, “Medical Community Care”, “Medical Support and Compliance”, “Medical Facilities”, “Construction, Minor Projects”, and “Information Technology Systems”, up to $594,828,000, plus reimbursements, may be transferred to the Joint Department of Defense—De-
1  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,
2  That additional funds may be transferred from accounts designated in this section to the Joint Department of Defense—Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund upon written notification by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress: Provided further,
3  That section 220 of title II of division A of Public Law 118–42 is repealed.
4  (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)
5  SEC. 220. Of the amounts appropriated to the Department of Veterans Affairs which become available on October 1, 2025, for “Medical Services”, “Medical Community Care”, “Medical Support and Compliance”, and “Medical Facilities”, up to $644,025,000, 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

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Provided, That additional funds may be transferred from accounts designated in this section to the Joint Department of Defense—Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund upon written notification by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

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Sec. 221. Such sums as may be deposited into the Medical Care Collections Fund pursuant to section 1729A of title 38, United States Code, for healthcare provided at facilities designated as combined Federal medical facilities as described by section 706 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500) shall also be available: (1) for transfer to the Joint Department of Defense—Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund, established by section 1704 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 2571); and (2) for oper-

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

SEC. 223. None of the funds available to the Department of Veterans Affairs, in this or any other Act, may be used to replace the current system by which the Veterans Integrated Service Networks select and contract for diabetes monitoring supplies and equipment.
SEC. 224. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall notify the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of all bid savings in a major construction project that total at least $5,000,000, or 5 percent of the programmed amount of the project, whichever is less: Provided, That such notification shall occur within 14 days of a contract identifying the programmed amount: Provided further, That the Secretary shall notify the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress 14 days prior to the obligation of such bid savings and shall describe the anticipated use of such savings.

SEC. 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 original justification data provided to the Congress as part of the request for appropriations unless the Secretary of Veterans 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 performance measures and data from each Veterans Benefits Administration Regional Office: Provided, That, at a minimum, 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.

Sec. 227. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
provide written notification to the Committees on Approp-
riations of both Houses of Congress 15 days prior to or-
ganizational changes which result in the transfer of 25 or
more full-time equivalents from one organizational unit of
the Department of Veterans Affairs to another.

Sec. 228. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
provide on a quarterly basis to the Committees on Approp-
riations of both Houses of Congress notification of any
single national outreach and awareness marketing cam-
paign in which obligations exceed $1,000,000.

(including transfer of funds)

Sec. 229. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, upon
determination that such action is necessary to address
needs of the Veterans Health Administration, may trans-
fer to the “Medical Services” account any discretionary
appropriations made available for fiscal year 2025 in this
title (except appropriations made to the “General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration” account) or any discretionary unobligated balances within the Department of Veterans Affairs, including those appropriated for fiscal year 2025, that were provided in advance by appropriations Acts: Provided, That transfers shall be made only with the approval of the Office of Management and Budget: Provided further, That the transfer authority provided in this section is in addition to any other transfer authority provided by law: Provided further, That no amounts may be transferred from amounts that were designated by Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985: Provided further, That such authority to transfer may not be used unless for higher priority items, based on emergent healthcare requirements, than those for which originally appropriated and in no case where the item for which funds are requested has been denied by Congress: Provided further, That, upon determination that all or part of the funds transferred from an appropriation are not necessary, such amounts may be transferred back to that appropriation and shall be available for the same purposes as originally appropriated: 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 receive approval of that request.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 230. Amounts made available for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2025, under the “Board of Veterans Appeals” and the “General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration” accounts may be transferred between such accounts: Provided, That before a transfer may take place, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall request from the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress the authority to make the transfer and receive approval of that request.

SEC. 231. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may not reprogram funds among major construction projects or programs if such instance of reprogramming will exceed $7,000,000, unless such reprogramming is approved by the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

SEC. 232. (a) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall ensure that the toll-free suicide hotline under section 1720F(h) of title 38, United States Code—

(1) provides to individuals who contact the hotline immediate assistance from a trained professional; and
(2) adheres to all requirements of the American Association of Suicidology.

(b)(1) None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to enforce or otherwise carry out any Executive action that prohibits the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from appointing an individual to occupy a vacant civil service position, or establishing a new civil service position, at the Department of Veterans Affairs with respect to such a position relating to the hotline specified in subsection (a).

(2) In this subsection—

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

(B) the term “Executive action” includes—

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

(ii) any agency policy, order, or other directive.

(c)(1) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall conduct a study on the effectiveness of the hotline specified in subsection (a) during the 5-year period beginning on January 1, 2016, based on an analysis of national suicide data and data collected from such hotline.
(2) At a minimum, the study required by paragraph (1) shall—

(A) determine the number of veterans who contact the hotline specified in subsection (a) and who receive follow up services from the hotline or mental health services from the Department of Veterans Affairs thereafter;

(B) determine the number of veterans who contact the hotline who are not referred to, or do not continue receiving, mental health care who commit suicide; and

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

Sec. 233. Effective during the period beginning on October 1, 2018, and ending on January 1, 2026, none of the funds made available to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs by this or any other Act may be obligated or expended in contravention of the “Veterans Health Administration Clinical Preventive Services Guidance Statement on the Veterans Health Administration’s Screening for Breast Cancer Guidance” published on May 10, 2017, as issued by the Veterans Health Administration National Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention.

Sec. 234. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the amounts appropriated or otherwise made avail-
able to the Department of Veterans Affairs for the “Medical Services” account may be used to provide—

(1) fertility counseling and treatment using assisted reproductive technology to a covered veteran or the spouse of a covered veteran; or

(2) adoption reimbursement to a covered veteran.

(b) In this section:

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

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

(3) The term “assisted reproductive technology” means benefits relating to reproductive assistance provided to a member of the Armed Forces who incurs a serious injury or illness on active duty pursuant to section 1074(c)(4)(A) of title 10, United States Code, as described in the memorandum on the subject of “Policy for Assisted Reproductive Services for the Benefit of Seriously or Severely Ill/Injured (Category II or III) Active Duty Service
Members’ issued by the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs on April 3, 2012, and the guidance issued to implement such policy, including any limitations on the amount of such benefits available to such a member except that—

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

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

(4) The term “adoption reimbursement” means reimbursement for the adoption-related expenses for an adoption that is finalized after the date of the enactment of this Act under the same terms as apply under the adoption reimbursement program of the Department of Defense, as authorized in Department of Defense Instruction 1341.09, including the reimbursement limits and requirements set forth in such instruction.

(e) Amounts made available for the purposes specified in subsection (a) of this section are subject to the requirements for funds contained in section 508 of division
Sec. 235. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act or any other Act for the Department of Veterans Affairs may be used in a manner that is inconsistent with: (1) section 842 of the Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, the District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 (Public Law 109–115; 119 Stat. 2506); or (2) section 8110(a)(5) of title 38, United States Code.

Sec. 236. Section 842 of Public Law 109–115 shall not apply to conversion of an activity or function of the Veterans Health Administration, Veterans Benefits Administration, or National Cemetery Administration to contractor performance by a business concern that is at least 51 percent owned by one or more Indian Tribes as defined in section 5304(e) of title 25, United States Code, or one or more Native Hawaiian Organizations as defined in section 637(a)(15) of title 15, United States Code.

Sec. 237. (a) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Labor, shall discontinue collecting and using Social Security account numbers to authenticate individuals in all information systems of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
Affairs for all individuals not later than September 30, 2025.

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

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

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

(3) perform anti-fraud activities; or

(4) identify a specific individual where no adequate substitute is available.

(c) The matter in subsections (a) and (b) shall supersede section 237 of division A of Public Law 118–42.

SEC. 238. For funds provided to the Department of Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2025 and 2026 for “Medical Services”, section 239 of division A of Public Law 114–223 shall apply.

SEC. 239. None of the funds appropriated in this or prior appropriations Acts or otherwise made available to the Department of Veterans Affairs may be used to trans-
fer any amounts from the Filipino Veterans Equity Com-

pensation Fund to any other account within the Depart-
ment of Veterans Affairs.

SEC. 240. Of the funds provided to the Department
of Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2025 and fiscal
year 2026 for “Medical Services”, funds may be used in
each year to carry out and expand the child care program
authorized by section 205 of Public Law 111–163, not-
withstanding subsection (e) of such section.

SEC. 241. None of the funds appropriated or other-
wise made available in this title may be used by the Sec-
retary of Veterans Affairs to enter into an agreement re-
lated to resolving a dispute or claim with an individual
that would restrict in any way the individual from speak-
ing to members of Congress or their staff on any topic
not otherwise prohibited from disclosure by Federal law
or required by Executive order to be kept secret in the
interest of national defense or the conduct of foreign af-
fairs.

SEC. 242. For funds provided to the Department of
Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2025 and 2026,
section 258 of division A of Public Law 114–223 shall
apply.

SEC. 243. (a) None of the funds appropriated or oth-
erwise made available by this Act may be used to deny
an Inspector General funded under this Act timely access
to any records, documents, or other materials available to
the department or agency over which that Inspector Gen-
eral has responsibilities under the Inspector General Act
of 1978 (5 U.S.C. 401 et seq.), or to prevent or impede
the access of the Inspector General to such records, docu-
ments, or other materials, under any provision of law, ex-
cept a provision of law that expressly refers to such In-
spector General and expressly limits the right of access.

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

(c) Each Inspector General shall ensure compliance
with statutory limitations on disclosure relevant to the in-
formation provided by the establishment over which that
Inspector General has responsibilities under the Inspector

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

Sec. 244. None of the funds made available in this
Act may be used in a manner that would increase wait
times for veterans who seek care at medical facilities of
the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sec. 245. None of the funds appropriated or other-
wise made available by this Act to the Veterans Health
Administration may be used in fiscal year 2025 to convert
any program which received specific purpose funds in fis-
cal year 2024 to a general purpose funded program unless
the Secretary of Veterans Affairs submits written notifica-
tion of any such proposal to the Committees on Appropria-
tions of both Houses of Congress at least 30 days prior
to any such action and an approval is issued by the Com-
mittees.

Sec. 246. For funds provided to the Department of
Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2025 and 2026,
section 248 of division A of Public Law 114–223 shall
apply.

Sec. 247. (a) None of the funds appropriated or oth-
erwise made available by this Act may be used to conduct
research commencing on or after the date of enactment
of this Act, that uses any canine, feline, or non-human
primate unless the Secretary of Veterans Affairs approves
such research specifically and in writing pursuant to sub-
section (b).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(5) the frequency and duration of such research; and

(6) the protocols in place to ensure the necessity, safety, and efficacy of the research, and animal welfare.

(d) Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and biannually thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to such Committees a report describing—

(1) any research being conducted by the Department of Veterans Affairs using canines, felines,
or non-human primates as of the date of the sub-
mittal of the report;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) immediate corrective actions taken; and

(3) specific actions taken to prevent their recurrence.

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

Sec. 248. (a) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may use amounts appropriated or otherwise made available in this title to ensure that the ratio of veterans to full-time employment equivalents within any program of rehabilitation conducted under chapter 31 of title 38, United States Code, does not exceed 125 veterans to one full-time employment equivalent.

(b) Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the programs of rehabilitation conducted under chapter 31 of title 38, United States Code, including—

(1) an assessment of the veteran-to-staff ratio for each such program; and
(2) recommendations for such action as the
Secretary considers necessary to reduce the veteran-
to-staff ratio for each such program.

Sec. 249. Amounts made available for the “Veterans
Health Administration, Medical Community Care” ac-
count in this or any other Act for fiscal years 2025 and
2026 may be used for expenses that would otherwise be
payable from the Veterans Choice Fund established by
section 802 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Account-
ability Act, as amended (38 U.S.C. 1701 note).

Sec. 250. Obligations and expenditures applicable to
the “Medical Services” account in fiscal years 2017
through 2019 for aid to state homes (as authorized by
section 1741 of title 38, United States Code) shall remain
in the “Medical Community Care” account for such fiscal
years.

Sec. 251. Of the amounts made available for the De-
partment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2025, in this
or any other Act, under the “Veterans Health Administra-
tion—Medical Services”, “Veterans Health Administra-
tion—Medical Community Care”, “Veterans Health Ad-
ministration—Medical Support and Compliance”, and
“Veterans Health Administration—Medical Facilities” ac-
counts, $1,323,444,000 shall be made available for gen-
der-specific care and programmatic efforts to deliver care
for women veterans.

Sec. 252. Of the unobligated balances available in
fiscal year 2025 in the “Recurring Expenses Trans-
formational Fund” established in section 243 of division
J of Public Law 114–113, and in addition to any funds
otherwise made available for such purposes in this, prior,
or subsequent fiscal years, $307,000,000 shall be available
for constructing, altering, extending, and improving med-
ical facilities of the Veterans Health Administration, in-
cluding all supporting activities and required contin-
gencies, during the period of availability of the Fund: Pro-
vided, That prior to obligation of any of the funds pro-
vided in this section, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
must provide a plan for the execution of the funds appro-
priated in this section to the Committees on Appropria-
tions of both Houses of Congress and such Committees
issue an approval, or absent a response, a period of 30
days has elapsed.

Sec. 253. Not later than 30 days after enactment
of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees
on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress an expendi-
ture plan for funds made available through the Fiscal Re-
sponsibility Act of 2023 (Public Law 118–5) for the Cost
of War Toxic Exposures Fund for fiscal year 2025: Pro-
vided, That the budget resource categories supporting the
Veterans Health Administration shall be reported by the
subcategories “Medical Services”, “Medical Community
Care”, “Medical Support and Compliance”, and “Medical
and Prosthetic Research”: Provided further, That not later
than 30 days after the end of each fiscal quarter, the Sec-
retary shall submit a quarterly report on the status of the
funds, including, at a minimum, an update on obligations
by program, project or activity.

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

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

Sec. 256. Unobligated balances available under the
headings “Construction, Major Projects” and “Construc-
tion, Minor Projects” may be obligated by the Secretary
of Veterans Affairs for a facility pursuant to section
2(e)(1) of the Communities Helping Invest through Prop-
erty and Improvements Needed for Veterans Act of 2016
(Public Law 114–294; 38 U.S.C. 8103 note), as amended,
to provide additional funds or to fund an escalation clause
under such section of such Act: Provided, That before such
unobligated balances are obligated pursuant to this sec-
tion, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall request from
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 re-
sponse, 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(e) of such Public Law.

(RECISISSION OF FUNDS)

SEC. 257. Of the unobligated balances from amounts made available under the heading “Medical and Prosthetic Research” from prior appropriations Acts, $5,000,000 is hereby rescinded: Provided, That no amounts may be rescinded from amounts that were designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

SEC. 258. None of the funds made available by this or any prior Act may be used to administer, implement, or enforce the final rule issued by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and published on February 16, 2023, relating to “Change in Rates VA Pays for Special Modes of Transportation” (88 Fed. Reg. 10032) until the Secretary of Veterans Affairs conducts a thorough review and analysis of such change with respect to the impact on access to care for veterans and the economic impact of such change on the Department of Veterans Affairs, including
the development of a formal process to review and provide
input to such review, by relevant industry experts, the
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, and Veteran
Service Organizations, and provides such review and anal-
ysis to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses
of Congress.

SEC. 259. (a) None of the funds appropriated by this
Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2025 for
the Department of Veterans Affairs may be obligated,
awarded, or expended to procure or purchase covered in-
formation technology equipment in cases where the manu-
facturer, 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 Mili-
tary Company List;

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

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

(A) an agency or instrumentality of the
People’s Republic of China;
(B) an entity headquartered in the People’s Republic of China; or

(C) directly or indirectly owned or controlled by an agency, instrumentality, or entity described in subparagraph (A) or (B); or

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

(b) APPLICABILITY TO THIRD PARTIES.—The prohibition in subsection (a) also applies in cases in which the Secretary has contracted with a third party for the procurement, purchase, or expenditure of funds on any of the equipment and software described in such subsection.

(c) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the term “covered information technology equipment” shall mean the following equipment used in an office environment: computers, printers, or interoperable videoconferencing equipment used in or by the Department of Veterans Affairs directly. “Covered information technology equipment” shall not refer to services that use such equipment, including cloud services.

SEC. 260. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used to pay award or incentive fees for contractors whose performance has been judged to be below satisfactory, behind schedule, over budget, or has failed to meet the basic requirements of
a contract, unless the Agency determines that any such deviations are due to unforeseeable events, government-driven scope changes, or are not significant within the overall scope of the project and/or program and unless such awards or incentive fees are consistent with section 16.401(e)(2) of the Federal Acquisition Regulation.
TITLE III

RELATED AGENCIES

AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, of the American Battle Monuments Commission, including the acquisition of land or interest in land in foreign countries; purchases and repair of uniforms for caretakers of national cemeteries and monuments outside of the United States and its territories and possessions; rent of office and garage space in foreign countries; purchase (one-for-one replacement basis only) and hire of passenger motor vehicles; not to exceed $15,000 for official reception and representation expenses; and insurance of official motor vehicles in foreign countries, when required by law of such countries, $94,520,000, to remain available until expended.

FOREIGN CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS ACCOUNT

For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, of the American Battle Monuments Commission, such sums as may be necessary, to remain available until expended, for purposes authorized by section 2109 of title 36, United States Code.
UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS

Claims

salaries and expenses

For necessary expenses for the operation of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims as authorized by sections 7251 through 7298 of title 38, United States Code, $47,300,000, of which $3,000,000 shall be available until September 30, 2026: Provided, That $3,800,000 shall be available for the purpose of providing financial assistance as described and in accordance with the process and reporting procedures set forth under this heading in Public Law 102–229.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—CIVIL

Cemeterial Expenses, Army

salaries and expenses

For necessary expenses for maintenance, operation, and improvement of Arlington National Cemetery and Soldiers’ and Airmen’s Home National Cemetery, including the purchase or lease of passenger motor vehicles for replacement on a one-for-one basis only, and not to exceed $2,000 for official reception and representation expenses, $105,514,000, of which not to exceed $15,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2027. In addition, such sums as may be necessary for parking maintenance, repairs and replacement, to be derived from the “Lease

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CONSTRUCTION

For necessary expenses for planning and design and construction at Arlington National Cemetery and Soldiers’ and Airmen’s Home National Cemetery, $42,000,000, to remain available until expended, for planning and design and construction associated with the development of additional inurnment spaces and for the Memorial Avenue entry corridor at Arlington National Cemetery.

ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME

TRUST FUND

For expenses necessary for the Armed Forces Retirement Home to operate and maintain the Armed Forces Retirement Home—Washington, District of Columbia, and the Armed Forces Retirement Home—Gulfport, Mississippi, to be paid from funds available in the Armed Forces Retirement Home Trust Fund, $69,520,000, to remain available until September 30, 2026, of which $1,000,000 shall remain available until expended for construction and renovation of the physical plants at the Armed Forces Retirement Home—Washington, District of Columbia, and the Armed Forces Retirement Home—Gulfport, Mississippi: Provided, That of the amounts made available under this heading from funds available in the

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1 Armed Forces Retirement Home Trust Fund,
2 $25,000,000 shall be paid from the general fund of the
3 Treasury to the Trust Fund.

**MAJOR CONSTRUCTION**

5 For expenses necessary to support efforts to complete
6 the renovation of the Sheridan Building at the Armed
7 Forces Retirement Home—Washington, District of Co-
8 lumbia, $31,000,000, to remain available until expended,
9 shall be paid from the general fund of the Treasury to
10 the Armed Forces Retirement Home Trust Fund.

**ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION**

12 Sec. 301. Amounts deposited into the special account
13 established under 10 U.S.C. 7727 are appropriated and
14 shall be available until expended to support activities at
15 the Army National Military Cemeteries.
TITLE IV

GENERAL PROVISIONS

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

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

Sec. 403. All departments and agencies funded under this Act are encouraged, within the limits of the existing statutory authorities and funding, to expand their use of "E-Commerce" technologies and procedures in the conduct of their business practices and public service activities.

Sec. 404. Unless stated otherwise, all reports and notifications required by this Act shall be submitted to the Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs,
and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.

SEC. 405. None of the funds made available in this Act may be transferred to any department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States Government except pursuant to a transfer made by, or transfer authority provided in, this or any other appropriations Act.

SEC. 406. (a) Any agency receiving funds made available in this Act, shall, subject to subsections (b) and (c), post on the public Web site of that agency any report required to be submitted by the Congress in this or any other Act, upon the determination by the head of the agency that it shall serve the national interest.

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

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

(2) the report contains confidential or proprietary information.

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

SEC. 407. (a) None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to maintain or establish a computer
network unless such network blocks the viewing, downloading, and exchanging of pornography.

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

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

Sec. 409. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to execute a contract for goods or services, including construction services, where the contractor has not complied with Executive Order No. 12989.

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

Sec. 411. (a) In General.—None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the Department of Defense in this Act may be used to construct, renovate, or expand any facility in the United States, its territories, or possessions to house any individual detained at United States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, for the
purposes of detention or imprisonment in the custody or
under the control of the Department of Defense.

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

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

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

and

(2) is—

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

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

This Act may be cited as the “Military Construction,
Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations
Act, 2025”.
A BILL

Making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes.

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