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[Report No. 116-000]

Making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER _____, 2020

Mr. BOOZMAN, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following original bill; which was read twice and placed on the calendar

A BILL

Making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021, and for other purposes.

1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-

2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

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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, 2021, and for other purposes, namely:

6	TITLE I
7	DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
8	Military Construction, Army

9 For acquisition, construction, installation, and equip-10 ment of temporary or permanent public works, military installations, facilities, and real property for the Army as 11 12 currently authorized by law, including personnel in the 13 Army Corps of Engineers and other personal services necessary for the purposes of this appropriation, and for con-14 15 struction and operation of facilities in support of the functions of the Commander in Chief, \$650,336,000, to re-16 main available until September 30, 2025: Provided, That, 17 18 of this amount, not to exceed \$168,436,000 shall be avail-19 able for study, planning, design, architect and engineer 20 services, and host nation support, as authorized by law, 21 unless the Secretary of the Army determines that addi-22 tional obligations are necessary for such purposes and no-23 tifies the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses 24 of Congress of the determination and the reasons therefor.

1 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

2 For acquisition, construction, installation, and equip-3 ment of temporary or permanent public works, naval installations, facilities, and real property for the Navy and 4 5 Marine Corps as currently authorized by law, including personnel in the Naval Facilities Engineering Command 6 7 and other personal services necessary for the purposes of 8 this appropriation, \$1,754,436,000, to remain available 9 until September 30, 2025: *Provided*, That, of this amount, 10 not to exceed \$210,710,000 shall be available for study, 11 planning, design, and architect and engineer services, as 12 authorized by law, unless the Secretary of the Navy determines that additional obligations are necessary for such 13 purposes and notifies the Committees on Appropriations 14 15 of both Houses of Congress of the determination and the 16 reasons therefor.

17 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

18 For acquisition, construction, installation, and equip-19 ment of temporary or permanent public works, military 20 installations, facilities, and real property for the Air Force 21 as currently authorized by law, \$716,799,000, to remain 22 available until September 30, 2025: Provided, That, of 23 this amount, not to exceed \$253,199,000 shall be available 24 for study, planning, design, and architect and engineer 25 services, as authorized by law, unless the Secretary of the

Air Force determines that additional obligations are nec essary for such purposes and notifies the Committees on
 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the deter mination and the reasons therefor.

5 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, DEFENSE-WIDE

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(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

7 For acquisition, construction, installation, and equip-8 ment of temporary or permanent public works, installa-9 tions, facilities, and real property for activities and agen-10 cies of the Department of Defense (other than the military authorized 11 departments), as currently by law, 12 \$1,968,338,000, to remain available until September 30, 13 2025: Provided, That such amounts of this appropriation as may be determined by the Secretary of Defense may 14 15 be transferred to such appropriations of the Department of Defense available for military construction or family 16 17 housing as the Secretary may designate, to be merged with 18 and to be available for the same purposes, and for the 19 same time period, as the appropriation or fund to which transferred: *Provided further*, That, of the amount, not to 20 21 exceed \$175,505,000 shall be available for study, plan-22 ning, design, and architect and engineer services, as au-23 thorized by law, unless the Secretary of Defense deter-24 mines that additional obligations are necessary for such 25 purposes and notifies the Committees on Appropriations

of both Houses of Congress of the determination and the
 reasons therefor.

3 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-4 5 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and administration of the Army National Guard, and contribu-6 7 tions therefor, as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10, 8 United States Code, and Military Construction Authoriza-9 tion Acts, \$321,437,000, to remain available until Sep-10 tember 30, 2025: *Provided*, That, of the amount, not to exceed \$29,593,000 shall be available for study, planning, 11 design, and architect and engineer services, as authorized 12 13 by law, unless the Director of the Army National Guard determines that additional obligations are necessary for 14 15 such purposes and notifies the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the determination and 16 17 the reasons therefor.

18 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR NATIONAL GUARD

19 For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-20 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-21 ministration of the Air National Guard, and contributions 22 therefor, as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10, United 23 States Code, and Military Construction Authorization 24 Acts, \$64,214,000, to remain available until September 25 30, 2025: *Provided*, That, of the amount, not to exceed

\$3,414,000 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.

8 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY RESERVE

9 For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-10 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and administration of the Army Reserve as authorized by chapter 11 12 1803 of title 10, United States Code, and Military Con-13 struction Authorization Acts, \$88,337,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025: Provided, That, of the 14 15 amount, not to exceed \$1,218,000 shall be available for study, planning, design, and architect and engineer serv-16 ices, as authorized by law, unless the Chief of the Army 17 Reserve determines that additional obligations are nec-18 essary for such purposes and notifies the Committees on 19 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the deter-2021 mination and the reasons therefor.

22 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, 1 2 United States Code, and Military Construction Authoriza-3 tion Acts, \$70,995,000, to remain available until Sep-4 tember 30, 2025: *Provided*, That, of the amount, not to 5 exceed \$3,485,000 shall be available for study, planning, design, and architect and engineer services, as authorized 6 7 by law, unless the Secretary of the Navy determines that 8 additional obligations are necessary for such purposes and 9 notifies the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses 10 of Congress of the determination and the reasons therefor.

11 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE RESERVE

12 For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-13 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and administration of the Air Force Reserve as authorized by 14 15 chapter 1803 of title 10, United States Code, and Military Construction Authorization Acts, \$23,117,000, to remain 16 17 available until September 30, 2025: Provided, That, of the 18 amount, not to exceed \$3,270,000 shall be available for 19 study, planning, design, and architect and engineer serv-20 ices, as authorized by law, unless the Chief of the Air 21 Force Reserve determines that additional obligations are 22 necessary for such purposes and notifies the Committees 23 on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the de-24 termination and the reasons therefor.

NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION SECURITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

3 For the United States share of the cost of the North 4 Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Pro-5 gram for the acquisition and construction of military facilities and installations (including international military 6 7 headquarters) and for related expenses for the collective 8 defense of the North Atlantic Treaty Area as authorized 9 by section 2806 of title 10, United States Code, and Mili-10 tary Construction Authorization Acts, \$173,030,000, to remain available until expended. 11

12 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), \$315,447,000, to remain available
until expended.

18 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,
\$119,400,000, to remain available until September 30,
2025.

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1	FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE,
2	ARMY
3	For expenses of family housing for the Army for op-
4	eration and maintenance, including debt payment, leasing,
5	minor construction, principal and interest charges, and in-
6	surance premiums, as authorized by law, \$340,142,000.
7	FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE
8	Corps
9	For expenses of family housing for the Navy and Ma-
10	rine Corps for construction, including acquisition, replace-
11	ment, addition, expansion, extension, and alteration, as
12	authorized by law, \$42,897,000, to remain available until
13	September 30, 2025.
14	FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE,
15	NAVY AND MARINE CORPS
16	For expenses of family housing for the Navy and Ma-
17	rine Corps for operation and maintenance, including debt
18	payment, leasing, minor construction, principal and inter-
19	est charges, and insurance premiums, as authorized by
20	law, \$346,493,000.
21	FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE
22	For expenses of family housing for the Air Force for
23	construction, including acquisition, replacement, addition,
24	expansion, extension, and alteration, as authorized by law,

\$97,214,000, to remain available until September 30,
 2025.

3 FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR

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Force

5 For expenses of family housing for the Air Force for operation and maintenance, including debt payment, leas-6 7 ing, minor construction, principal and interest charges, 8 and insurance premiums, as authorized by law, \$317,021,000. 9

10 FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE,

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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, \$54,728,000.

17 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

18 FAMILY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT FUND

For the Department of Defense Family Housing Improvement Fund, \$5,897,000, 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, \$600,000, 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.

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Administrative Provisions

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

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

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 author ized therein are certified as important to the national de fense by the Secretary of Defense.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 (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 1 may be determined by the Secretary of Defense may be 2 3 transferred to: (1) the Department of Defense Family 4 Housing Improvement Fund from amounts appropriated for construction in "Family Housing" accounts, to be 5 merged with and to be available for the same purposes 6 7 and for the same period of time as amounts appropriated 8 directly to the Fund; or (2) the Department of Defense 9 Military Unaccompanied Housing Improvement Fund 10 from amounts appropriated for construction of military unaccompanied housing in "Military Construction" ac-11 12 counts, to be merged with and to be available for the same 13 purposes and for the same period of time as amounts appropriated directly to the Fund: *Provided*, That appropria-14 tions made available to the Funds shall be available to 15 cover the costs, as defined in section 502(5) of the Con-16 gressional Budget Act of 1974, of direct loans or loan 17 18 guarantees issued by the Department of Defense pursuant 19 to the provisions of subchapter IV of chapter 169 of title 20 10, United States Code, pertaining to alternative means 21 of acquiring and improving military family housing, mili-22 tary unaccompanied housing, and supporting facilities. 23 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 118. In addition to any other transfer authorityavailable to the Department of Defense, amounts may be

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

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

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

6 SEC. 120. Amounts contained in the Ford Island Im-7 provement Account established by subsection (h) of sec-8 tion 2814 of title 10, United States Code, are appro-9 priated and shall be available until expended for the pur-10 poses specified in subsection (i)(1) of such section or until 11 transferred pursuant to subsection (i)(3) of such section. 12 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

the same purposes as the appropriation to which trans ferred.

3 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

4 SEC. 122. Amounts appropriated or otherwise made 5 available in an account funded under the headings in this title may be transferred among projects and activities 6 7 within the account in accordance with the reprogramming 8 guidelines for military construction and family housing 9 construction contained in Department of Defense Finan-10 cial Management Regulation 7000.14–R, Volume 3, Chapter 7, of March 2011, as in effect on the date of enactment 11 of this Act. 12

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, 2025:

20 "Military Construction, Army", \$240,000,000;

21 "Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps",22 \$94,900,000;

23 "Military Construction, Air Force", \$95,700,000;

24 "Military Construction, Defense-Wide",25 \$35,500,000;

"Military Construction, Army National Guard",
 \$49,835,000;

3 "Military Construction, Air National Guard",4 \$29,500,000;

5 "Military Construction, Army Reserve", \$2,500,000;

6 "Military Construction, Navy Reserve", \$12,800,000;
7 "Military Construction, Air Force Reserve",
8 \$25,000,000:

9 *Provided*, That such funds may only be obligated to carry 10 out construction projects identified in the respective military department's unfunded priority list for fiscal year 11 12 2021 submitted to Congress: Provided further, That such 13 projects are subject to authorization prior to obligation and expenditure of funds to carry out construction: Pro-14 15 vided further, That not later than 30 days after enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the military department con-16 cerned, or his or her designee, shall submit to the Commit-17 18 tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress an ex-19 penditure plan for funds provided under this section.

20 (RESCISSIONS OF FUNDS)

SEC. 125. Of the unobligated balances available to
the Department of Defense from prior appropriation Acts,
the following funds are hereby rescinded from the following accounts in the amounts specified:

25 "Military Construction, Air Force", \$9,975,000; and

1"MilitaryConstruction,Defense-Wide",2\$29,838,000:

3 Provided, That no amounts may be rescinded from
4 amounts that were designated by the Congress for Over5 seas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism or
6 as an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent
7 resolution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and
8 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

9 SEC. 126. For the purposes of this Act, the term "congressional defense committees" means the Commit-10 tees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives 11 and the Senate, the Subcommittee on Military Construc-12 13 tion and Veterans Affairs of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate, and the Subcommittee on Military 14 15 Construction and Veterans Affairs of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives. 16

SEC. 127. 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. 128. Notwithstanding any other provision of
law, none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made
available by this or any other Act may be used to consolidate or relocate any element of a United States Air Force
Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair

Squadron Engineer (RED HORSE) outside of the United 1 2 States until the Secretary of the Air Force: (1) completes 3 an analysis and comparison of the cost and infrastructure 4 investment required to consolidate or relocate a RED 5 HORSE squadron outside of the United States versus within the United States; (2) provides to the Committees 6 7 on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress ("the Com-8 mittees") a report detailing the findings of the cost anal-9 ysis; and (3) certifies in writing to the Committees that 10 the preferred site for the consolidation or relocation yields the greatest savings for the Air Force: *Provided*, That the 11 12 term "United States" in this section does not include any 13 territory or possession of the United States.

14 SEC. 129. All amounts appropriated to the "Depart-15 ment of Defense-Military Construction, Army", "Department of Defense—Military Construction, Navy and 16 17 Marine Corps", "Department of Defense—Military Construction, Air Force", and "Department of Defense-Mili-18 tary Construction, Defense-Wide" accounts pursuant to 19 the authorization of appropriations in a National Defense 20 21 Authorization Act specified for fiscal year 2021 in the 22 funding table in section 4601 of that Act shall be imme-23 diately available and allotted to contract for the full scope 24 of authorized projects.

SEC. 130. For an additional amount for the accounts
 and in the amounts specified for planning and design, for
 improving military installation resilience, to remain avail able until September 30, 2025:

5 "Military Construction, Army", \$4,000,000;

6 "Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps",7 \$7,000,000; and

8 "Military Construction, Air Force", \$4,000,000:

9 *Provided*, That not later than 60 days after enactment of 10 this Act, the Secretary of the military department concerned, or his or her designee, shall submit to the Commit-11 12 tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress an expenditure plan for funds provided under this section: Pro-13 vided further, That the Secretary of the military depart-14 15 ment concerned may not obligate or expend any funds prior to approval by the Committees on Appropriations of 16 both Houses of Congress of the expenditure plan required 17 18 by this section.

19 SEC. 131. For an additional amount for "Military 20 Construction, Navy and Marine Corps", \$32,200,000, to 21 remain available until September 30, 2025, for child devel-22 opment center construction: *Provided*, That projects fund-23 ed using amounts available under this section are subject 24 to authorization prior to obligation and expenditure of 25 funds to carry out construction: *Provided further*, That

amounts made available under this section may not be ob ligated or expended until the Secretary of the Navy sub mits to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses
 of Congress a detailed expenditure plan not later than 30
 days after enactment of this Act.

6 SEC. 132. Of the unobligated balances available from 7 prior appropriations Acts under the heading "Department 8 ofDefense—Military Construction, Defense-Wide", 9 \$131,000,000 is hereby rescinded, and in addition to 10 amounts otherwise provided for this fiscal year, an amount of additional new budget authority equivalent to the 11 12 amount rescinded pursuant to this section is hereby appro-13 priated, to remain available until September 30, 2025, and shall be available for the same purposes and under the 14 15 same authorities as provided under such heading: Pro*vided*, That no amounts may be rescinded from amounts 16 that were designated by the Congress for Overseas Contin-17 18 gency Operations/Global War on Terrorism or as an emer-19 gency requirement pursuant to a concurrent resolution on 20 the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Def-21 icit Control Act of 1985: Provided further, That projects 22 funded using amounts available under this section are sub-23 ject to authorization prior to obligation and expenditure 24 of funds to carry out construction: *Provided further*, That 25 amounts made available under this section may not be ob-

ligated or expended until the Secretary of Defense, or his 1 2 or her designee, submits to the Committees on Appropria-3 tions of both Houses of Congress a detailed expenditure 4 plan not later than 30 days after enactment of this Act. 5 TITLE II 6 DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS 7 Veterans Benefits Administration 8 COMPENSATION AND PENSIONS 9 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS) 10 For the payment of compensation benefits to or on 11 behalf of veterans and a pilot program for disability ex-12 aminations as authorized by section 107 and chapters 11, 13 13, 18, 51, 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United States Code; pension benefits to or on behalf of veterans as authorized 14 15 by chapters 15, 51, 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United States Code; and burial benefits, the Reinstated Entitle-16 ment Program for Survivors, emergency and other offi-17 18 cers' retirement pay, adjusted-service credits and certifi-19 cates, payment of premiums due on commercial life insur-20 ance policies guaranteed under the provisions of title IV 21 of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C. App. 22 541 et seq.) and for other benefits as authorized by sec-23 tions 107, 1312, 1977, and 2106, and chapters 23, 51,

25 \$6,110,251,552, to remain available until expended, which

53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United States Code,

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shall be in addition to funds previously appropriated under 1 2 this heading that became available on October 1, 2020; 3 and, \$130,227,650,000, to remain available until ex-4 pended, shall become available on October 1, 2021: Pro-5 vided, That not to exceed \$20,115,000 of the amount made available for fiscal year 2022 under this heading 6 7 shall be reimbursed to "General Operating Expenses, Vet-8 erans Benefits Administration", and "Information Tech-9 nology Systems" for necessary expenses in implementing the provisions of chapters 51, 53, and 55 of title 38, 10 United States Code, the funding source for which is spe-11 12 cifically provided as the "Compensation and Pensions" ap-13 propriation: *Provided further*, That such sums as may be earned on an actual qualifying patient basis, shall be reim-14 15 bursed to "Medical Care Collections Fund" to augment the funding of individual medical facilities for nursing 16 home care provided to pensioners as authorized: Provided 17 *further*, That funds recovered (including refunds and reim-18 bursable activity) from fiscal year 2020 obligations and 19 20 disbursements made with funds that became available on 21 October 1, 2019, as provided under this heading in title 22 II of Division C of Public Law 115–244, shall be available 23 until expended.

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READJUSTMENT BENEFITS

2 For the payment of readjustment and rehabilitation 3 benefits to or on behalf of veterans as authorized by chap-4 ters 21, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, 39, 41, 51, 53, 55, and 5 61 of title 38, United States Code, \$14,946,618,000, to remain available until expended and to become available 6 7 on October 1, 2021: Provided, That expenses for rehabili-8 tation program services and assistance which the Sec-9 retary is authorized to provide under subsection (a) of sec-10 tion 3104 of title 38, United States Code, other than under paragraphs (1), (2), (5), and (11) of that sub-11 12 section, shall be charged to this account.

13 VETERANS INSURANCE AND INDEMNITIES

14 For military and naval insurance, national service life insurance, servicemen's indemnities, service-disabled vet-15 erans insurance, and veterans mortgage life insurance as 16 17 authorized by chapters 19 and 21 of title 38, United 18 States Code, \$2,148,000, which shall be in addition to 19 funds previously appropriated under this heading that be-20 came available on October 1, 2020, to remain available 21 until expended; and, in addition, \$136,950,000, shall be-22 come available on October 1, 2021, and shall remain avail-23 able until expended.

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VETERANS HOUSING BENEFIT PROGRAM FUND

2 For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans, such 3 sums as may be necessary to carry out the program, as 4 authorized by subchapters I through III of chapter 37 of 5 title 38, United States Code: *Provided*, That such costs, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as de-6 7 fined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 8 1974: Provided further, That, during fiscal year 2021, 9 within the resources available, not to exceed \$500,000 in 10 gross obligations for direct loans are authorized for specially adapted housing loans. 11

12 In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out 13 the direct and guaranteed loan programs, \$204,400,000. 14 VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT 15 For the cost of direct loans, \$33,826, as authorized by chapter 31 of title 38, United States Code: *Provided*, 16 17 That such costs, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congres-18 sional Budget Act of 1974: Provided further, That funds 19 made available under this heading are available to sub-2021 sidize gross obligations for the principal amount of direct 22 loans not to exceed \$2,469,522.

In addition, for administrative expenses necessary tocarry out the direct loan program, \$424,272, which may

be paid to the appropriation for "General Operating Ex penses, Veterans Benefits Administration".

3 NATIVE AMERICAN VETERAN HOUSING LOAN PROGRAM

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ACCOUNT

For administrative expenses to carry out the direct
loan program authorized by subchapter V of chapter 37
of title 38, United States Code, \$1,163,000.

8 GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES, VETERANS BENEFITS

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ADMINISTRATION

10 For necessary operating expenses of the Veterans Benefits Administration, not otherwise provided for, in-11 12 cluding hire of passenger motor vehicles, reimbursement 13 of the General Services Administration for security guard 14 services, and reimbursement of the Department of Defense 15 for the cost of overseas employee mail, \$3,160,000,000: *Provided*, That expenses for services and 16 17 assistance authorized under paragraphs (1), (2), (5), and 18 (11) of section 3104(a) of title 38, United States Code, 19 that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs determines are nec-20 essary to enable entitled veterans: (1) to the maximum ex-21 tent feasible, to become employable and to obtain and 22 maintain suitable employment; or (2) to achieve maximum 23 independence in daily living, shall be charged to this ac-24 count: *Provided further*, That, of the funds made available

under this heading, not to exceed 10 percent shall remain
 available until September 30, 2022.

WETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
 MEDICAL SERVICES

5 For necessary expenses for furnishing, as authorized by law, inpatient and outpatient care and treatment to 6 7 beneficiaries of the Department of Veterans Affairs and 8 veterans described in section 1705(a) of title 38, United 9 States Code, including care and treatment in facilities not 10 under the jurisdiction of the Department, and including medical supplies and equipment, bioengineering services, 11 12 food services, and salaries and expenses of healthcare em-13 ployees hired under title 38, United States Code, assistance and support services for caregivers as authorized by 14 15 section 1720G of title 38, United States Code, loan repayments authorized by section 604 of the Caregivers and 16 Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2010 (Public 17 Law 111–163; 124 Stat. 1174; 38 U.S.C. 7681 note), 18 19 monthly assistance allowances authorized by section 20 322(d) of title 38, United States Code, grants authorized 21 by section 521A of title 38, United States Code, and ad-22 ministrative expenses necessary to carry out sections 23 322(d) and 521A of title 38, United States Code, and hos-24 pital care and medical services authorized by section 1787 25 of title 38, United States Code; \$5,594,318,000, which

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shall be in addition to funds previously appropriated under 1 2 this heading that became available on October 1, 2020, 3 and is designated by the Congress as being for an emer-4 gency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of 5 the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985; and, in addition, \$58,897,219,000, plus reim-6 7 bursements, shall become available on October 1, 2021, 8 and shall remain available until September 30, 2022: Pro-9 *vided*, That, of the amount made available on October 1, 2021, under this heading, \$1,500,000,000 shall remain 10 available until September 30, 2023: Provided further, 11 12 That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Sec-13 retary of Veterans Affairs shall establish a priority for the provision of medical treatment for veterans who have serv-14 15 ice-connected disabilities, lower income, or have special needs: *Provided further*, That, notwithstanding any other 16 17 provision of law, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall 18 give priority funding for the provision of basic medical benefits to veterans in enrollment priority groups 1 19 through 6: *Provided further*, That, notwithstanding any 2021 other provision of law, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs 22 may authorize the dispensing of prescription drugs from 23 Veterans Health Administration facilities to enrolled vet-24 erans with privately written prescriptions based on re-25 quirements established by the Secretary: *Provided further*,

1 That the implementation of the program described in the 2 previous proviso shall incur no additional cost to the De-3 partment of Veterans Affairs: *Provided further*, That the 4 Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall ensure that sufficient 5 amounts appropriated under this heading for medical sup-6 plies and equipment are available for the acquisition of 7 prosthetics designed specifically for female veterans.

8 MEDICAL COMMUNITY CARE

9 For necessary expenses for furnishing health care to 10 individuals pursuant to chapter 17 of title 38, United 11 States facilities, Code, at non-Department 12 \$3,847,180,000, which shall be in addition to funds pre-13 viously appropriated under this heading that became available on October 1, 2020, and is designated by the Con-14 15 gress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and 16 17 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985; and, in addition, 18 \$20,148,244,000, plus reimbursements, shall become available on October 1, 2021, and shall remain available 19 until September 30, 2022: Provided, That, of the amount 20 21 made available on October 1, 2021, under this heading, 22 \$2,000,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 23 2023.

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MEDICAL SUPPORT AND COMPLIANCE

2 For necessary expenses in the administration of the 3 medical, hospital, nursing home, domiciliary, construction, 4 supply, and research activities, as authorized by law; ad-5 ministrative expenses in support of capital policy activities; and administrative and legal expenses of the Depart-6 7 ment for collecting and recovering amounts owed the De-8 partment as authorized under chapter 17 of title 38, 9 United States Code, and the Federal Medical Care Recov-10 ery Act (42 U.S.C. 2651 et seq.), \$886,235,000, which shall be in addition to funds previously appropriated under 11 12 this heading that became available on October 1, 2020, 13 and is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of 14 15 the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985; and, in addition, \$8,403,117,000, plus reimburse-16 17 ments, shall become available on October 1, 2021, and 18 shall remain available until September 30, 2022: Provided, 19 That, of the amount made available on October 1, 2021, 20 under this heading, \$200,000,000 shall remain available 21 until September 30, 2023.

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MEDICAL FACILITIES

For necessary expenses for the maintenance and operation of hospitals, nursing homes, domiciliary facilities,
and other necessary facilities of the Veterans Health Ad-

ministration; for administrative expenses in support of 1 2 planning, design, project management, real property ac-3 quisition and disposition, construction, and renovation of 4 any facility under the jurisdiction or for the use of the 5 Department; for oversight, engineering, and architectural activities not charged to project costs; for repairing, alter-6 ing, improving, or providing facilities in the several hos-7 8 pitals and homes under the jurisdiction of the Depart-9 ment, not otherwise provided for, either by contract or by 10 the hire of temporary employees and purchase of materials; for leases of facilities; and for laundry services; 11 12 \$441,385,000, which shall be in addition to funds pre-13 viously appropriated under this heading that became avail-14 able on October 1, 2020, and is designated by the Con-15 gress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and 16 17 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985; and, in addition, 18 \$6,734,680,000, plus reimbursements, shall become avail-19 able on October 1, 2021, and shall remain available until 20September 30, 2022: *Provided*, That, of the amount made 21 available on October 1, 2021, under this heading, 22 \$350,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 23 2023.

MEDICAL AND PROSTHETIC RESEARCH

2 For necessary expenses in carrying out programs of 3 medical and prosthetic research and development as au-4 thorized by chapter 73 of title 38, United States Code, 5 \$800,000,000, plus reimbursements, shall remain available until September 30, 2022: Provided, That the Sec-6 7 retary of Veterans Affairs shall ensure that sufficient 8 amounts appropriated under this heading are available for 9 prosthetic research specifically for female veterans, and 10 for toxic exposure research.

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NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION

12 For necessary expenses of the National Cemetery Administration for operations and maintenance, not other-13 wise provided for, including uniforms or allowances there-14 15 for; cemeterial expenses as authorized by law; purchase 16 of one passenger motor vehicle for use in cemeterial oper-17 ations; hire of passenger motor vehicles; and repair, alter-18 ation or improvement of facilities under the jurisdiction 19 of the National Cemetery Administration, \$352,000,000, 20 of which not to exceed 10 percent shall remain available 21 until September 30, 2022.

1DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION2GENERAL ADMINISTRATION3(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For necessary operating expenses of the Department 4 5 of Veterans Affairs, not otherwise provided for, including administrative expenses in support of Department-wide 6 7 capital planning, management and policy activities, uni-8 forms, or allowances therefor; not to exceed \$25,000 for 9 official reception and representation expenses; hire of passenger motor vehicles; and reimbursement of the General 10 11 Services Administration for security guard services, 12 \$365,911,000, of which not to exceed 10 percent shall remain available until September 30, 2022: Provided, That 13 funds provided under this heading may be transferred to 14 15 "General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration". 16

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BOARD OF VETERANS APPEALS

18 For necessary operating expenses of the Board of
19 Veterans Appeals, \$190,000,000, of which not to exceed
20 10 percent shall remain available until September 30,
21 2022.

- 22 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS
- 23 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses for information technologysystems and telecommunications support, including devel-

opmental information systems and operational information 1 2 systems; for pay and associated costs; and for the capital 3 asset acquisition of information technology systems, in-4 cluding management and related contractual costs of said 5 acquisitions, including contractual costs associated with operations authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United 6 7 States Code, \$4,912,000,000, plus reimbursements, of 8 which \$540,385,000 is designated by the Congress as 9 being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 10 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Act of 1985: Provided, That 11 Control \$1,211,238,000 shall be for pay and associated costs, of 12 13 which not to exceed 3 percent shall remain available until 14 30, 2022: Provided further, That September 15 \$3,205,216,000 shall be for operations and maintenance, of which not to exceed 5 percent shall remain available 16 17 until September 30, 2022: Provided further, That 18 \$495,546,000 shall be for information technology systems development, and shall remain available until September 19 20 30, 2022: Provided further, That amounts made available 21 for salaries and expenses, operations and maintenance, 22 and information technology systems development may be 23 transferred among the three subaccounts after the Sec-24 retary of Veterans Affairs requests from the Committees 25 on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress the author-

ity to make the transfer and an approval is issued: *Pro*-1 2 vided further, That amounts made available for the "Information Technology Systems" account for development 3 4 may be transferred among projects or to newly defined projects: *Provided further*, That no project may be in-5 creased or decreased by more than \$1,000,000 of cost 6 7 prior to submitting a request to the Committees on Appro-8 priations of both Houses of Congress to make the transfer 9 and an approval is issued, or absent a response, a period 10 of 30 days has elapsed: *Provided further*, That the funds made available under this heading for information tech-11 12 nology systems development shall be for the projects, and in the amounts, specified under this heading in the explan-13 14 atory statement accompanying this Act.

15 VETERANS ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD

16 For activities related to implementation, preparation, 17 development, interface, management, rollout, and mainte-18 nance of a Veterans Electronic Health Record system, in-19 cluding contractual costs associated with operations authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code, 2021 and salaries and expenses of employees hired under titles 22 5 and 38, United States Code, \$2,627,000,000, to remain 23 available until September 30, 2023,of which 24 \$1,184,485,000 is designated by the Congress as being for requirement pursuant 25 an emergency to section

1 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985: *Provided*, That the Secretary 2 3 of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Committees on Ap-4 propriations of both Houses of Congress quarterly reports 5 detailing obligations, expenditures, and deployment implementation by facility, including any changes from the de-6 7 ployment plan or schedule: *Provided further*, That the 8 funds provided in this account shall only be available to 9 the Office of the Deputy Secretary, to be administered by 10 that Office: *Provided further*, That 25 percent of the funds made available under this heading shall not be available 11 12 until July 1, 2021, and are contingent upon the Secretary 13 of Veterans Affairs providing a certification within 7 days prior to that date to the Committees on Appropriations 14 15 of any changes to the deployment schedules.

16 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector
General, to include information technology, in carrying out
the provisions of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5
U.S.C. App.), \$228,000,000, of which not to exceed 10
percent shall remain available until September 30, 2022.

22 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 1 2 316, 2404, 2406 and chapter 81 of title 38, United States 3 Code, not otherwise provided for, including planning, ar-4 chitectural and engineering services, construction manage-5 ment services, maintenance or guarantee period services costs associated with equipment guarantees provided 6 7 under the project, services of claims analysts, offsite utility 8 and storm drainage system construction costs, and site ac-9 quisition, where the estimated cost of a project is more 10 than the amount set forth in section 8104(a)(3)(A) of title 11 38, United States Code, or where funds for a project were 12 made available in a previous major project appropriation, 13 \$1,316,000,000, of which \$980,638,000 shall remain 14 available until September 30, 2025, and of which 15 \$335,362,000 shall remain available until expended, of which \$180,198,000 shall be available for seismic improve-16 ment projects and seismic program management activities, 17 18 including for projects that would otherwise be funded by the Construction, Minor Projects, Medical Facilities or 19 20National Cemetery Administration accounts: Provided, 21 That except for advance planning activities, including 22 needs assessments which may or may not lead to capital 23 investments, and other capital asset management related activities, including portfolio development and manage-24 25 ment activities, and investment strategy studies funded

through the advance planning fund and the planning and 1 2 design activities funded through the design fund, including 3 needs assessments which may or may not lead to capital 4 investments, and funds provided for the purchase, secu-5 rity, and maintenance of land for the National Cemetery Administration through the land acquisition line item, 6 7 none of the funds made available under this heading shall 8 be used for any project that has not been notified to Con-9 gress through the budgetary process or that has not been 10 approved by the Congress through statute, joint resolu-11 tion, or in the explanatory statement accompanying such 12 Act and presented to the President at the time of enroll-13 ment: *Provided further*, That such sums as may be necessary shall be available to reimburse the "General Admin-14 15 istration" account for payment of salaries and expenses of all Office of Construction and Facilities Management 16 employees to support the full range of capital infrastruc-17 18 ture services provided, including minor construction and leasing services: *Provided further*, That funds made avail-19 20able under this heading for fiscal year 2021, for each ap-21 proved project shall be obligated: (1) by the awarding of 22 a construction documents contract by September 30, 23 2021; and (2) by the awarding of a construction contract 24 by September 30, 2022: Provided further, That the Sec-25 retary of Veterans Affairs shall promptly submit to the

1 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress 2 a written report on any approved major construction 3 project for which obligations are not incurred within the 4 time limitations established above: *Provided further*, That 5 notwithstanding the requirements of section 8104(a) of title 38, United States Code, amounts made available 6 7 under this heading for seismic improvement projects and 8 seismic program management activities shall be available 9 for the completion of both new and existing seismic 10 projects of the Department.

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CONSTRUCTION, MINOR PROJECTS

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

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United States Code, \$390,000,000, to remain available 1 until September 30, 2025, along with unobligated balances 2 of previous "Construction, Minor Projects" appropriations 3 4 which are hereby made available for any project where the 5 estimated cost is equal to or less than the amount set forth in such section: *Provided*, That funds made available 6 7 under this heading shall be for: (1) repairs to any of the 8 nonmedical facilities under the jurisdiction or for the use 9 of the Department which are necessary because of loss or 10 damage caused by any natural disaster or catastrophe; 11 and (2) temporary measures necessary to prevent or to minimize further loss by such causes. 12

13 GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STATE EXTENDED CARE

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FACILITIES

For grants to assist States to acquire or construct State nursing home and domiciliary facilities and to remodel, 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, \$90,000,000, to remain available until expended.

22 GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF VETERANS CEMETERIES

For grants to assist States and tribal organizations in establishing, expanding, or improving veterans cemeteries as authorized by section 2408 of title 38, United

States Code, \$45,000,000, to remain available until ex pended.

3 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

5 SEC. 201. Any appropriation for fiscal year 2021 for "Compensation and Pensions", "Readjustment Benefits", 6 7 and "Veterans Insurance and Indemnities" may be trans-8 ferred as necessary to any other of the mentioned appro-9 priations: *Provided*, That, before a transfer may take 10 place, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall request from the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-11 12 gress the authority to make the transfer and such Com-13 mittees issue an approval, or absent a response, a period 14 of 30 days has elapsed.

15 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

16 SEC. 202. Amounts made available for the Depart-17 ment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2021, in this or any other Act, under the "Medical Services", "Medical 18 Community Care", "Medical Support and Compliance", 19 20 and "Medical Facilities" accounts may be transferred 21 among the accounts: *Provided*, That any transfers among the "Medical Services", "Medical Community Care", and 22 23 "Medical Support and Compliance" accounts of 1 percent or less of the total amount appropriated to the account 24 25 in this or any other Act may take place subject to notifica-

tion from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to the Com-1 mittees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of 2 3 the amount and purpose of the transfer: *Provided further*, 4 That any transfers among the "Medical Services", "Medical Community Care", and "Medical Support and Compli-5 6 ance" accounts in excess of 1 percent, or exceeding the 7 cumulative 1 percent for the fiscal year, may take place 8 only after the Secretary requests from the Committees on 9 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress the authority 10 to make the transfer and an approval is issued: *Provided further*, That any transfers to or from the "Medical Facili-11 ties" account may take place only after the Secretary re-12 13 quests from the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress the authority to make the transfer 14 15 and an approval is issued.

16 SEC. 203. Appropriations available in this title for 17 salaries and expenses shall be available for services au-18 thorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code; 19 hire of passenger motor vehicles; lease of a facility or land 20 or both; and uniforms or allowances therefore, as author-21 ized by sections 5901 through 5902 of title 5, United 22 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.

3 SEC. 205. No appropriations in this title shall be 4 available for hospitalization or examination of any persons 5 (except beneficiaries entitled to such hospitalization or ex-6 amination under the laws providing such benefits to vet-7 erans, and persons receiving such treatment under sec-8 tions 7901 through 7904 of title 5, United States Code, 9 or the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency 10 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.)), unless reimbursement of the cost of such hospitalization or examina-11 tion is made to the "Medical Services" account at such 12 13 rates as may be fixed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. 14 SEC. 206. Appropriations available in this title for "Compensation and Pensions", "Readjustment Benefits", 15 and "Veterans Insurance and Indemnities" shall be avail-16 17 able for payment of prior year accrued obligations re-18 quired to be recorded by law against the corresponding 19 prior year accounts within the last quarter of fiscal year 20 2020.

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".

3 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

4 SEC. 208. Notwithstanding any other provision of 5 law, during fiscal year 2021, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall, from the National Service Life Insurance 6 7 Fund under section 1920 of title 38. United States Code, 8 the Veterans' Special Life Insurance Fund under section 9 1923 of title 38, United States Code, and the United 10 States Government Life Insurance Fund under section 11 1955 of title 38, United States Code, reimburse the "Gen-12 eral Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration" and "Information Technology Systems" accounts for 13 the cost of administration of the insurance programs fi-14 15 nanced through those accounts: *Provided*, That reimbursement shall be made only from the surplus earnings accu-16 17 mulated in such an insurance program during fiscal year 18 2021 that are available for dividends in that program after 19 claims have been paid and actuarially determined reserves have been set aside: *Provided further*, That if the cost of 2021 administration of such an insurance program exceeds the 22 amount of surplus earnings accumulated in that program, 23 reimbursement shall be made only to the extent of such 24 surplus earnings: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall determine the cost of administration for fiscal year 25

2021 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.

5 SEC. 209. Amounts deducted from enhanced-use 6 lease proceeds to reimburse an account for expenses in-7 curred by that account during a prior fiscal year for pro-8 viding enhanced-use lease services, may be obligated dur-9 ing the fiscal year in which the proceeds are received.

10 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

11 SEC. 210. Funds available in this title or funds for 12 salaries and other administrative expenses shall also be 13 available to reimburse the Office of Resolution Management, the Office of Employment Discrimination Complaint 14 15 Adjudication, and the Office of Diversity and Inclusion for all services provided at rates which will recover actual 16 17 costs but not to exceed \$60,096,000 for the Office of Resolution Management, \$6,100,000 for the Office of Employ-18 19 ment Discrimination Complaint Adjudication, and 20 \$5,294,000 for the Office of Diversity and Inclusion: Pro-21 *vided*, That payments may be made in advance for services 22 to be furnished based on estimated costs: Provided further, 23 That amounts received shall be credited to the "General 24 Administration" and "Information Technology Systems" 25 accounts for use by the office that provided the service.

1 SEC. 211. No funds of the Department of Veterans 2 Affairs shall be available for hospital care, nursing home 3 care, or medical services provided to any person under 4 chapter 17 of title 38, United States Code, for a non-serv-5 ice-connected disability described in section 1729(a)(2) of such title, unless that person has disclosed to the Sec-6 7 retary of Veterans Affairs, in such form as the Secretary 8 may require, current, accurate third-party reimbursement 9 information for purposes of section 1729 of such title: Pro-10 *vided*, That the Secretary may recover, in the same manner as any other debt due the United States, the reason-11 12 able charges for such care or services from any person who 13 does not make such disclosure as required: Provided further, That any amounts so recovered for care or services 14 15 provided in a prior fiscal year may be obligated by the Secretary during the fiscal year in which amounts are re-16 17 ceived.

18 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

19 SEC. 212. Notwithstanding any other provision of 20 law, proceeds or revenues derived from enhanced-use leas-21 ing activities (including disposal) may be deposited into 22 the "Construction, Major Projects" and "Construction, 23 Minor Projects" accounts and be used for construction 24 (including site acquisition and disposition), alterations, 25 and improvements of any medical facility under the juris-

diction or for the use of the Department of Veterans Af-1 2 fairs. Such sums as realized are in addition to the amount provided for in "Construction, Major Projects" and "Con-3 4 struction, Minor Projects". 5 SEC. 213. Amounts made available under "Medical 6 Services" are available— 7 (1) for furnishing recreational facilities, sup-8 plies, and equipment; and

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

12 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

19 SEC. 215. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may 20 enter into agreements with Federally Qualified Health 21 Centers in the State of Alaska and Indian tribes and tribal 22 organizations which are party to the Alaska Native Health 23 Compact with the Indian Health Service, to provide 24 healthcare, including behavioral health and dental care, to 25 veterans in rural Alaska. The Secretary shall require par-

ticipating veterans and facilities to comply with all appro priate rules and regulations, as established by the Sec retary. 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.

6 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

7 SEC. 216. Such sums as may be deposited to the De-8 partment of Veterans Affairs Capital Asset Fund pursu-9 ant to section 8118 of title 38, United States Code, may be transferred to the "Construction, Major Projects" and 10 11 "Construction, Minor Projects" accounts, to remain available until expended for the purposes of these accounts. 12 13 SEC. 217. Not later than 30 days after the end of 14 each fiscal quarter, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall 15 submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a report on the financial status of the 16 Department of Veterans Affairs for the preceding quarter: 17 *Provided*, That, at a minimum, the report shall include 18 the direction contained in the paragraph entitled "Quar-19 terly reporting", under the heading "General Administra-20 21 tion" in the joint explanatory statement accompanying 22 Public Law 114–223.

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(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 218. Amounts made available under the "Medical Services", "Medical Community Care", "Medical Sup-

port and Compliance", "Medical Facilities", "General Op-1 2 erating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration", 3 "Board of Veterans Appeals", "General Administration", and "National Cemetery Administration" accounts for fis-4 5 cal year 2021 may be transferred to or from the "Information Technology Systems" account: Provided, That such 6 7 transfers may not result in a more than 10 percent aggre-8 gate increase in the total amount made available by this 9 Act for the "Information Technology Systems" account: 10 *Provided further*, That, before a transfer may take place, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall request from the 11 12 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress 13 the authority to make the transfer and an approval is 14 issued.

15 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

16 SEC. 219. Of the amounts appropriated to the De-17 partment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2021 for 18 "Medical Services", "Medical Community Care", "Medical Support and Compliance", "Medical Facilities", "Con-19 struction, Minor Projects", and "Information Technology 2021 Systems", up to \$322,932,000, plus reimbursements, may 22 be transferred to the Joint Department of Defense-De-23 partment of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstra-24 tion Fund, established by section 1704 of the National De-25 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law

111–84; 123 Stat. 3571) and may be used for operation 1 of the facilities designated as combined Federal medical 2 3 facilities as described by section 706 of the Duncan Hun-4 ter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 5 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500): Provided, That additional funds may be transferred from accounts 6 7 designated in this section to the Joint Department of De-8 fense—Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility 9 Demonstration Fund upon written notification by the Sec-10 retary of Veterans Affairs to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress: Provided further, 11 12 That section 220 of title II of division F of Public Law 13 116-94 is repealed.

14 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

15 SEC. 220. Of the amounts appropriated to the Department of Veterans Affairs which become available on 16 17 October 1, 2021, for "Medical Services", "Medical Community Care", "Medical Support and Compliance", and 18 19 "Medical Facilities", up to \$327,126,000, plus reimburse-20ments, may be transferred to the Joint Department of De-21 fense—Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility 22 Demonstration Fund, established by section 1704 of the 23 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 24 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 3571) and may be used 25 for operation of the facilities designated as combined Fed-

eral medical facilities as described by section 706 of the 1 Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for 2 3 Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500): *Provided*, That additional funds may be transferred from 4 5 accounts designated in this section to the Joint Department of Defense—Department of Veterans Affairs Med-6 7 ical Facility Demonstration Fund upon written notifica-8 tion by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to the Commit-9 tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

10 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

11 SEC. 221. Such sums as may be deposited to the 12 Medical Care Collections Fund pursuant to section 1729A 13 of title 38, United States Code, for healthcare provided at facilities designated as combined Federal medical facili-14 15 ties as described by section 706 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 16 17 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500) shall also be avail-18 able: (1) for transfer to the Joint Department of Defense—Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility 19 20Demonstration Fund, established by section 1704 of the 21 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 22 (Public Law 111-84; 123 Stat. 3571); and (2) for oper-23 ations of the facilities designated as combined Federal 24 medical facilities as described by section 706 of the Dun-25 can Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal

Year 2009 (Public Law 110-417; 122 Stat. 4500): Pro vided, That, notwithstanding section 1704(b)(3) of the
 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010
 (Public Law 111-84; 123 Stat. 2573), amounts trans ferred to the Joint Department of Defense—Department
 of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund
 shall remain available until expended.

8 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

9 SEC. 222. Of the amounts available in this title for "Medical Services", "Medical Community Care", "Medical 10 Support and Compliance", and "Medical Facilities", a 11 12 minimum of \$15,000,000 shall be transferred to the 13 DOD–VA Health Care Sharing Incentive Fund, as authorized by section 8111(d) of title 38, United States 14 15 Code, to remain available until expended, for any purpose authorized by section 8111 of title 38, United States Code. 16

17 SEC. 223. None of the funds available to the Depart-18 ment of Veterans Affairs, in this or any other Act, may 19 be used to replace the current system by which the Vet-20 erans Integrated Service Networks select and contract for 21 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 pro-

grammed amount of the project, whichever is less: Pro vided, That such notification shall occur within 14 days
 of a contract identifying the programmed amount: Pro vided further, That the Secretary shall notify the Commit tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress 14
 days prior to the obligation of such bid savings and shall
 describe the anticipated use of such savings.

8 SEC. 225. None of the funds made available for 9 "Construction, Major Projects" may be used for a project 10 in excess of the scope specified for that project in the origi-11 nal justification data provided to the Congress as part of 12 the request for appropriations unless the Secretary of Vet-13 erans Affairs receives approval from the Committees on 14 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

15 SEC. 226. Not later than 30 days after the end of each fiscal quarter, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall 16 submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both 17 18 Houses of Congress a quarterly report containing perform-19 ance measures and data from each Veterans Benefits Ad-20ministration Regional Office: *Provided*, That, at a min-21 imum, the report shall include the direction contained in 22 the section entitled "Disability claims backlog", under the 23 heading "General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits 24 Administration" in the joint explanatory statement accom-25 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.

5 SEC. 227. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall 6 provide written notification to the Committees on Appro-7 priations of both Houses of Congress 15 days prior to or-8 ganizational changes which result in the transfer of 25 or 9 more full-time equivalents from one organizational unit of 10 the Department of Veterans Affairs to another.

11 SEC. 228. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall 12 provide on a quarterly basis to the Committees on Appro-13 priations of both Houses of Congress notification of any 14 single national outreach and awareness marketing cam-15 paign in which obligations exceed \$1,000,000.

16 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

17 SEC. 229. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, upon 18 determination that such action is necessary to address needs of the Veterans Health Administration, may trans-19 20 fer to the "Medical Services" account any discretionary 21 appropriations made available for fiscal year 2021 in this 22 title (except appropriations made to the "General Oper-23 ating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration" ac-24 count) or any discretionary unobligated balances within 25 the Department of Veterans Affairs, including those ap-

propriated for fiscal year 2021, that were provided in ad-1 vance by appropriations Acts: *Provided*, That transfers 2 3 shall be made only with the approval of the Office of Man-4 agement and Budget: Provided further, That the transfer 5 authority provided in this section is in addition to any other transfer authority provided by law: *Provided further*, 6 7 That no amounts may be transferred from amounts that 8 were designated by Congress as an emergency requirement 9 pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget or the 10 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985: Provided further, That such authority to transfer 11 may not be used unless for higher priority items, based 12 13 on emergent healthcare requirements, than those for which originally appropriated and in no case where the 14 15 item for which funds are requested has been denied by Congress: *Provided further*, That, upon determination that 16 17 all or part of the funds transferred from an appropriation are not necessary, such amounts may be transferred back 18 to that appropriation and shall be available for the same 19 20 purposes as originally appropriated: *Provided further*, 21 That before a transfer may take place, the Secretary of 22 Veterans Affairs shall request from the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress the authority 23 24 to make the transfer and receive approval of that request.

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(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

2 SEC. 230. Amounts made available for the Depart-3 ment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2021, under the 4 "Board of Veterans Appeals" and the "General Operating" 5 Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration" accounts may be transferred between such accounts: *Provided*, That 6 7 before a transfer may take place, the Secretary of Vet-8 erans Affairs shall request from the Committees on Appro-9 priations of both Houses of Congress the authority to 10 make the transfer and receive approval of that request. 11 SEC. 231. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may not 12 reprogram funds among major construction projects or 13 programs if such instance of reprogramming will exceed 14 \$7,000,000, unless such reprogramming is approved by

15 the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-16 gress.

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—

20 (1) provides to individuals who contact the hot21 line immediate assistance from a trained profes22 sional; and

23 (2) adheres to all requirements of the American24 Association of Suicidology.

1	(b)(1) None of the funds made available by this Act
2	may be used to enforce or otherwise carry out any Execu-
3	tive action that prohibits the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
4	from appointing an individual to occupy a vacant civil
5	service position, or establishing a new civil service position,
6	at the Department of Veterans Affairs with respect to
7	such a position relating to the hotline specified in sub-
8	section (a).
9	(2) In this subsection—
10	(A) the term "civil service" has the mean-
11	ing given such term in section $2101(1)$ of title
12	5, United States Code; and
13	(B) the term "Executive action" in-
14	cludes—
15	(i) any Executive order, presidential
16	memorandum, or other action by the Presi-
17	dent; and
18	(ii) any agency policy, order, or other
19	directive.
20	(c)(1) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall con-
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21	duct a study on the effectiveness of the hotline specified
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	duct a study on the effectiveness of the hotline specified

(2) At a minimum, the study required by para graph (1) shall—

3 (A) determine the number of veterans who
4 contact the hotline specified in subsection (a)
5 and who receive follow up services from the hot6 line or mental health services from the Depart7 ment of Veterans Affairs thereafter;

8 (B) determine the number of veterans who 9 contact the hotline who are not referred to, or 10 do not continue receiving, mental health care 11 who commit suicide; and

12 (C) determine the number of veterans de13 scribed in subparagraph (A) who commit or at14 tempt suicide.

SEC. 233. None of the funds in this or any other Act 15 may be used to close Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) 16 hospitals, domiciliaries, or clinics, conduct an environ-17 mental assessment, or to diminish healthcare services at 18 19 existing Veterans Health Administration medical facilities 20as part of a planned realignment of VA services until the 21 Secretary provides to the Committees on Appropriations 22 of both Houses of Congress a report including the fol-23 lowing elements—

(1) a national realignment strategy that in-cludes a detailed description of realignment plans

within each Veterans Integrated Services Network
 (VISN), including an updated Long Range Capital
 Plan to implement realignment requirements;

4 (2) an explanation of the process by which
5 those plans were developed and coordinated within
6 each VISN;

7 (3) a cost versus benefit analysis of each
8 planned realignment, including the cost of replacing
9 Veterans Health Administration services with con10 tract care or other outsourced services;

(4) an analysis of how any such planned realignment of services will impact access to care for
veterans living in rural or highly rural areas, including travel distances and transportation costs to access a VA medical facility and availability of local
specialty and primary care;

17 (5) an inventory of VA buildings with historic
18 designation and the methodology used to determine
19 the buildings' condition and utilization;

20 (6) a description of how any realignment will be
21 consistent with requirements under the National
22 Historic Preservation Act; and

(7) consideration given for reuse of historic
buildings within newly identified realignment requirements: *Provided*, That, this provision shall not

apply to capital projects in any VISN, which have
 been authorized or approved by Congress.

3 SEC. 234. Effective during the period beginning on 4 October 1, 2018 and ending on January 1, 2024, none 5 of the funds made available to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs by this or any other Act may be obligated or ex-6 pended in contravention of the "Veterans Health Adminis-7 8 tration Clinical Preventive Services Guidance Statement 9 on the Veterans Health Administration's Screening for Breast Cancer Guidance" published on May 10, 2017, as 10 issued by the Veterans Health Administration National 11 12 Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention.

SEC. 235. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision
of law, the amounts appropriated or otherwise made available to the Department of Veterans Affairs for the "Medical Services" account may be used to provide—

17 (1) fertility counseling and treatment using as18 sisted reproductive technology to a covered veteran
19 or the spouse of a covered veteran; or

20 (2) adoption reimbursement to a covered vet-21 eran.

22 (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 vet eran, 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.

6 The term "assisted reproductive tech-(3)7 nology" means benefits relating to reproductive as-8 sistance provided to a member of the Armed Forces 9 who incurs a serious injury or illness on active duty 10 pursuant to section 1074(c)(4)(A) of title 10, United 11 States Code, as described in the memorandum on the subject of "Policy for Assisted Reproductive 12 Services for the Benefit of Seriously or Severely Ill/ 13 14 Injured (Category II or III) Active Duty Service 15 Members" issued by the Assistant Secretary of De-16 fense for Health Affairs on April 3, 2012, and the 17 guidance issued to implement such policy, including 18 any limitations on the amount of such benefits avail-19 able to such a member except that—

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

24 (B) such term includes embryo25 cryopreservation and storage without limitation

on the duration of such cryopreservation and
 storage.

(4) The term "adoption reimbursement" means 3 4 reimbursement for the adoption-related expenses for 5 an adoption that is finalized after the date of the en-6 actment of this Act under the same terms as apply 7 under the adoption reimbursement program of the 8 Department of Defense, as authorized in Depart-9 ment of Defense Instruction 1341.09, including the 10 reimbursement limits and requirements set forth in 11 such instruction.

(c) 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
H of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public
Law 115–141).

17 SEC. 236. None of the funds appropriated or other-18 wise made available by this Act or any other Act for the Department of Veterans Affairs may be used in a manner 19 that is inconsistent with: (1) section 842 of the Transpor-20 21 tation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, the 22 Judiciary, the District of Columbia, and Independent 23 Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 (Public Law 109–115; 24 119 Stat. 2506); or (2) section 8110(a)(5) of title 38, United States Code. 25

1 SEC. 237. Section 842 of Public Law 109–115 shall not apply to conversion of an activity or function of the 2 Veterans Health Administration, Veterans Benefits Ad-3 4 ministration, or National Cemetery Administration to con-5 tractor performance by a business concern that is at least 51 percent owned by one or more Indian tribes as defined 6 7 in section 5304(e) of title 25, United States Code, or one 8 or more Native Hawaiian Organizations as defined in sec-9 tion 637(a)(15) of title 15, United States Code.

10 SEC. 238. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), 11 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in consultation with the 12 Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Labor, shall dis-13 continue using Social Security account numbers to identify 14 individuals in all information systems of the Department 15 of Veterans Affairs as follows:

16 (1) For all veterans submitting to the Secretary
17 of Veterans Affairs new claims for benefits under
18 laws administered by the Secretary, not later March
19 23, 2023.

20 (2) For all individuals not described in para21 graph (1), not later than March 23, 2026.

(b) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may use a Social Security account number to identify an individual in
an information system of the Department of Veterans Affairs if and only if the use of such number is required

to obtain information the Secretary requires from an in formation system that is not under the jurisdiction of the
 Secretary.

4 (c) The matter in subsections (a) and (b) shall super5 sede section 238 of Public Law 116-94.

6 SEC. 239. For funds provided to the Department of
7 Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2021 and 2022
8 for "Medical Services", section 239 of Division A of Public
9 Law 114–223 shall apply.

10 SEC. 240. None of the funds appropriated in this or 11 prior appropriations Acts or otherwise made available to 12 the Department of Veterans Affairs may be used to trans-13 fer any amounts from the Filipino Veterans Equity Com-14 pensation Fund to any other account within the Depart-15 ment of Veterans Affairs.

16 SEC. 241. Of the funds provided to the Department 17 of Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2021 and fiscal 18 year 2022 for "Medical Services", funds may be used in 19 each year to carry out and expand the child care program 20 authorized by section 205 of Public Law 111–163, not-21 withstanding subsection (e) of such section.

SEC. 242. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available in this title may be used by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into an agreement related 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.

7 SEC. 243. For funds provided to the Department of
8 Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2021 and 2022,
9 section 258 of Division A of Public Law 114–223 shall
10 apply.

11 SEC. 244. (a) None of the funds appropriated or oth-12 erwise made available by this Act may be used to deny 13 an Inspector General funded under this Act timely access to any records, documents, or other materials available to 14 15 the department or agency of the United States Government over which such Inspector General has responsibil-16 ities under the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. 17 App.), or to prevent or impede the access of such Inspector 18 General to such records, documents, or other materials, 19 20 under any provision of law, except a provision of law that 21 expressly refers to such Inspector General and expressly 22 limits the right of access of such Inspector General.

(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 covered by this section
 shall ensure compliance with statutory limitations on dis closure relevant to the information provided by the depart ment or agency over which that Inspector General has re sponsibilities under the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5
 U.S.C. App.).

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

SEC. 245. For funds provided to the Department of
Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2021 and 2022,
section 248 of Division A of Public Law 114–223 shall
apply.

17 SEC. 246. (a) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may 18 use amounts appropriated or otherwise made available in 19 this title to ensure that the ratio of veterans to full-time 20 employment equivalents within any program of rehabilita-21 tion conducted under chapter 31 of title 38, United States 22 Code, does not exceed 125 veterans to one full-time em-23 ployment equivalent.

(b) Not later than 180 days after the date of the en-actment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Con-

gress a report on the programs of rehabilitation conducted
 under chapter 31 of title 38, United States Code, includ ing—

4 (1) an assessment of the veteran-to-staff ratio5 for each such program; and

6 (2) recommendations for such action as the
7 Secretary considers necessary to reduce the veteran8 to-staff ratio for each such program.

9 SEC. 247. None of the funds made available in this 10 Act may be used in a manner that would increase wait 11 times for veterans who seek care at medical facilities of 12 the Department of Veterans Affairs.

13 SEC. 248. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act to the Veterans Health 14 15 Administration may be used in fiscal year 2021 to convert any program which received specific purpose funds in fis-16 17 cal year 2020 to a general purpose funded program unless the Secretary of Veterans Affairs submits written notifica-18 19 tion of any such proposal to the Committees on Appropria-20 tions of both Houses of Congress at least thirty days prior 21 to any such action and an approval is issued by the Com-22 mittees.

SEC. 249. (a) None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used to conduct
research commencing on or after October 1, 2019, that

uses any canine, feline, or non-human primate unless the 1 2 Secretary of Veterans Affairs approves such research spe-3 cifically and in writing pursuant to subsection (b). 4 (b)(1) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may approve 5 the conduct of research commencing on or after October 1, 2019, using canines, felines, or non-human primates if 6 7 the Secretary determines that— 8 (A) the scientific objectives of the research 9 can only be met by using such canines, felines, 10 or non-human primates; 11 (B) such scientific objectives are directly 12 related to an illness or injury that is combat-re-13 lated; and 14 (C) the research is consistent with the revised Department of Veterans Affairs canine re-15 16 search policy document dated December 15, 17 2017, including any subsequent revisions to 18 such document. 19 (2) The Secretary may not delegate the author-20 ity under this subsection. 21 (c) If the Secretary approves any new research pursu-22 ant to subsection (b), not later than 30 days before the 23 commencement of such research, the Secretary shall sub-24 mit to the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate 25 and House of Representatives a report describing—

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1	(1) the nature of the research to be conducted
2	using canines, felines, or non-human primates;
3	(2) the date on which the Secretary approved
4	the research;
5	(3) the justification for the determination of the
6	Secretary that the scientific objectives of such re-
7	search could only be met using canines, felines, or
8	non-human primates;
9	(4) the frequency and duration of such re-
10	search; and
11	(5) the protocols in place to ensure the neces-
12	sity, safety, and efficacy of the research; and
13	(d) Not later than 180 days after the date of the en-
14	actment of this Act, and biannually thereafter, the Sec-
15	retary shall submit to such Committees a report describ-
16	ing—
17	(1) any research being conducted by the De-
18	partment of Veterans Affairs using canines, felines,
19	or non-human primates as of the date of the sub-
20	mittal of the report;
21	(2) the circumstances under which such re-
22	search was conducted using canines, felines, or non-
23	human primates;

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

4 (4) the protocols in place to ensure the neces-5 sity, safety, and efficacy of such research.

6 (e) Not later than December 31, 2020, the Secretary 7 shall submit to such Committees a plan under which the 8 Secretary will eliminate or reduce the research conducted 9 using canines, felines, or non-human primates by not later 10 than five years after the date of enactment of Public Law 11 116-94.

12 SEC. 250. None of the funds made available by this 13 Act may be used by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to 14 close the community based outpatient clinic located in 15 Bainbridge, New York, until the Secretary of Veterans Af-16 fairs submits to the Committees on Appropriations of the 17 House of Representatives and the Senate a market area 18 assessment.

19 SEC. 251. (a) PLAN REQUIRED.—Not later than 90 20 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-21 retary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the appropriate 22 committees of Congress a plan to reduce the chances that 23 clinical mistakes by employees of the Department of Vet-24 erans Affairs will result in adverse events that require in-25 stitutional or clinical disclosures and to prevent any un-

necessary hardship for patients and families impacted by 1 2 such adverse events. 3 (b) ELEMENTS.—The plan required by subsection (a) 4 shall include the following: 5 (1) A description of a process for the timely 6 identification of individuals impacted by disclosures described in subsection (a) and the process for con-7 8 tacting those individuals or their next of kin. 9 (2) A description of procedures for expediting 10 any remedial or follow-up care required for those in-11 dividuals. 12 (3) A detailed outline of proposed changes to 13 the process of the Department for clinical quality 14 checks and oversight. 15 (4) A communication plan to ensure all facili-16 ties of the Department are made aware of any re-17 quirements updated pursuant to the plan. 18 (5) A timeline detailing the implementation of 19 the plan. 20 (6) An identification of the senior executive of 21 the Department responsible for ensuring compliance 22 with the plan. 23 (7) An identification of potential impacts of the 24 plan on timely diagnoses for patients.

1 (8) An identification of the processes and proce-2 dures for employees of the Department to make 3 leadership at the facility and the Department aware 4 of adverse events that are concerning and that result 5 in disclosures and to ensure that the medical impact 6 on veterans of such disclosures is minimized. 7 (c) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-FINED.—In this section, the term "appropriate commit-8 tees of Congress" means— 9 10 (1) the Committee on Veterans' Affairs and the 11 Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans 12 Affairs, and Related Agencies of the Committee on 13 Appropriations of the Senate; and 14 (2) the Committee on Veterans' Affairs and the 15 Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans 16 Affairs, and Related Agencies of the Committee on 17 Appropriations of the House of Representatives. 18 (RESCISSIONS OF FUNDS) 19 SEC. 252. Of the unobligated balances available to the Department of Veterans Affairs from amounts appro-20 priated in title II of division F of the Further Consolidated 21 22 Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law 116-94), that be-23 came available on October 1, 2020, the following funds 24 are hereby rescinded from the following accounts in the

25 amounts specified:

"Veterans Health Administration, Medical Services",
 \$5,096,850,000;

3 "Veterans Health Administration, Medical Commu4 nity Care", \$2,466,380,000;

5 "Veterans Health Administration, Medical Support6 and Compliance", \$586,235,000; and

7 "Veterans Health Administration, Medical Facili-8 ties", \$291,385,000:

9 Provided, That no amounts may be rescinded from
10 amounts that were designated by the Congress as an
11 emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent resolu12 tion on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emer13 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

14 (RESCISSIONS OF FUNDS)

15 SEC. 253. Of the unobligated balances available to 16 the Department of Veterans Affairs from prior appropria-17 tions Acts, the following funds are hereby rescinded from 18 the following accounts in the amounts specified:

19 "Veterans Health Administration, Medical Services",20 \$200,000,000; and

21 "Departmental Administration, Information Tech-22 nology Systems", \$57,462,000:

23 Provided, That no amounts may be rescinded from24 amounts that were designated by the Congress as an25 emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent resolu-

tion on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emer gency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

3 SEC. 254. Amounts made available for the "Veterans 4 Health Administration, Medical Community Care" ac-5 count in this or any other Act for fiscal years 2021 and 6 2022 may be used for expenses that would otherwise be 7 payable from the Veterans Choice Fund established by 8 section 802 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Account-9 ability Act, as amended (38 U.S.C. 1701 note).

10 SEC. 255. Each amount designated in this Act by the 11 Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant 12 to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and 13 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 shall be available 14 (or rescinded or transferred, if applicable) only if the 15 President subsequently so designates all such amounts 16 and transmits such designations to the Congress.

17 SEC. 256. Any amount appropriated by this Act, des-18 ignated by the Congress as an emergency requirement 19 pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budg-20 et and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 and subse-21 quently so designated by the President, and transferred 22 pursuant to transfer authorities provided by this Act shall 23 retain such designation.

1	TITLE III
2	RELATED AGENCIES
3	American Battle Monuments Commission
4	SALARIES AND EXPENSES
5	For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for,
6	of the American Battle Monuments Commission, including
7	the acquisition of land or interest in land in foreign coun-
8	tries; purchases and repair of uniforms for caretakers of
9	national cemeteries and monuments outside of the United
10	States and its territories and possessions; rent of office
11	and garage space in foreign countries; purchase (one-for-
12	one replacement basis only) and hire of passenger motor
13	vehicles; not to exceed \$15,000 for official reception and
14	representation expenses; and insurance of official motor
15	vehicles in foreign countries, when required by law of such
16	countries, \$82,100,000, to remain available until ex-
17	pended.

18 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.

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1	United States Court of Appeals for Veterans
2	CLAIMS
3	SALARIES AND EXPENSES
4	For necessary expenses for the operation of the
5	United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims as
6	authorized by sections 7251 through 7298 of title 38,
7	United States Code, \$37,100,000: Provided, That
8	\$3,286,509 shall be available for the purpose of providing
9	financial assistance as described and in accordance with
10	the process and reporting procedures set forth under this
11	heading in Public Law 102–229.
12	DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—CIVIL
13	CEMETERIAL EXPENSES, ARMY
14	SALARIES AND EXPENSES
15	For necessary expenses for maintenance, operation,
16	and improvement of Arlington National Cemetery and Sol-
17	diers' and Airmen's Home National Cemetery, including
18	the purchase or lease of passenger motor vehicles for re-
19	placement on a one-for-one basis only, and not to exceed
20	\$2,000 for official reception and representation expenses,
21	\$81,100,000, of which not to exceed \$15,000,000 shall re-
22	main available until September 30, 2023. In addition,
23	such sums as may be necessary for parking maintenance,

24 repairs and replacement, to be derived from the "Lease

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of Department of Defense Real Property for Defense
 Agencies" account.

3 Armed Forces Retirement Home

TRUST FUND

5 For expenses necessary for the Armed Forces Retirement Home to operate and maintain the Armed Forces 6 7 Retirement Home—Washington, District of Columbia, 8 and the Armed Forces Retirement Home—Gulfport, Mis-9 sissippi, to be paid from funds available in the Armed 10 Forces Retirement Home Trust Fund, \$75,300,000, to remain available until September 30, 2022, of which 11 12 \$9,000,000 shall remain available until expended for con-13 struction and renovation of the physical plants at the Armed Forces Retirement Home—Washington, District of 14 15 Columbia, and the Armed Forces Retirement Home— Gulfport, Mississippi: *Provided*, That of the amounts made 16 17 available under this heading from funds available in the Armed 18 Forces Retirement Home Trust Fund, \$22,000,000 shall be paid from the general fund of the 19 20 Treasury to the Trust Fund.

21 Administrative provision

SEC. 301. Amounts deposited into the special account
established under 10 U.S.C. 4727 are appropriated and
shall be available until expended to support activities at
the Army National Military Cemeteries.

1	TITLE IV
2	OVERSEAS CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS
3	DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
4	MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY
5	For an additional amount for "Military Construction,
6	Army", \$15,873,000, to remain available until September
7	30, 2025, for projects outside of the United States: Pro-
8	vided, That such amount is designated by the Congress
9	for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Ter-
10	rorism pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Bal-
11	anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.
12	MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS
13	For an additional amount for "Military Construction,
14	Navy and Marine Corps", \$70,020,000, to remain avail-
15	able until September 30, 2025, for projects outside of the
16	United States: <i>Provided</i> , That such amount is designated
17	by the Congress for Overseas Contingency Operations/
18	Global War on Terrorism pursuant to section
19	251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
20	Deficit Control Act of 1985.
21	MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

For an additional amount for "Military Construction,
Air Force" \$263,869,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025, for projects outside of the United States: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress

for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Ter-1 2 rorism pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Bal-3 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985. 4

Administrative Provisions

5 SEC. 401. Each amount designated in this Act by the Congress for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global 6 7 War on Terrorism pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of 8 the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act 9 of 1985 shall be available only if the President subse-10 quently so designates all such amounts and transmits such designations to the Congress. 11

12 SEC. 402. None of the funds appropriated for mili-13 tary construction projects outside the United States under this title may be obligated or expended for planning and 14 15 design of any project associated with the European Deterrence Initiative until the Secretary of Defense develops 16 17 and submits to the congressional defense committees, in 18 a classified and unclassified format, a list of all of the military construction projects associated with the European 19 20 Deterrence Initiative which the Secretary anticipates will 21 be carried out during each of the fiscal years 2022 22 through 2026.

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TITLE V

GENERAL PROVISIONS

3 SEC. 501. No part of any appropriation contained in
4 this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the
5 current fiscal year unless expressly so provided herein.

6 SEC. 502. None of the funds made available in this 7 Act may be used for any program, project, or activity, 8 when it is made known to the Federal entity or official 9 to which the funds are made available that the program, 10 project, or activity is not in compliance with any Federal 11 law relating to risk assessment, the protection of private 12 property rights, or unfunded mandates.

13 SEC. 503. All departments and agencies funded under 14 this Act are encouraged, within the limits of the existing 15 statutory authorities and funding, to expand their use of 16 "E-Commerce" technologies and procedures in the con-17 duct of their business practices and public service activi-18 ties.

19 SEC. 504. Unless stated otherwise, all reports and no-20 tifications required by this Act shall be submitted to the 21 Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Af-22 fairs, and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appro-23 priations of the House of Representatives and the Sub-24 committee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs,

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

3 SEC. 505. None of the funds made available in this 4 Act may be transferred to any department, agency, or in-5 strumentality of the United States Government except 6 pursuant to a transfer made by, or transfer authority pro-7 vided in, this or any other appropriations Act.

8 SEC. 506. (a) Any agency receiving funds made avail-9 able in this Act, shall, subject to subsections (b) and (c), 10 post on the public Web site of that agency any report re-11 quired to be submitted by the Congress in this or any 12 other Act, upon the determination by the head of the agen-13 cy that it shall serve the national interest.

(b) Subsection (a) shall not apply to a report if—
(1) the public posting of the report compromises national security; or

17 (2) the report contains confidential or propri-18 etary 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. 507. (a) None of the funds made available inthis Act may be used to maintain or establish a computer

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

3 (b) Nothing in subsection (a) shall limit the use of 4 funds necessary for any Federal, State, tribal, or local law 5 enforcement agency or any other entity carrying out criminal investigations, prosecution, or adjudication activities. 6 7 SEC. 508. None of the funds made available in this 8 Act may be used by an agency of the executive branch 9 to pay for first-class travel by an employee of the agency in contravention of sections 301–10.122 through 301– 10 10.124 of title 41, Code of Federal Regulations. 11

12 SEC. 509. None of the funds made available in this 13 Act may be used to execute a contract for goods or serv-14 ices, including construction services, where the contractor 15 has not complied with Executive Order No. 12989.

16 SEC. 510. None of the funds made available by this 17 Act may be used by the Department of Defense or the 18 Department of Veterans Affairs to lease or purchase new 19 light duty vehicles for any executive fleet, or for an agen-20 cy's fleet inventory, except in accordance with Presidential 21 Memorandum—Federal Fleet Performance, dated May 22 24, 2011.

SEC. 511. 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.

1 SEC. 512. (a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds ap-2 propriated or otherwise made available to the Department 3 of Defense in this Act may be used to construct, renovate, 4 or expand any facility in the United States, its territories, 5 or possessions to house any individual detained at United States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, for the 6 purposes of detention or imprisonment in the custody or 7 8 under the control of the Department of Defense.

9 (b) The prohibition in subsection (a) shall not apply
10 to any modification of facilities at United States Naval
11 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

- 18 (2) is—
- 19 (A) in the custody or under the effective20 control of the Department of Defense; or
- 21 (B) otherwise under detention at United
 22 States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay, Cuba.