

1 **DIVISION D—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION,**
2 **VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED**
3 **AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2026**

4 TITLE I

5 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

6 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY

7 For acquisition, construction, installation, and equip-
8 ment of temporary or permanent public works, military
9 installations, facilities, and real property for the Army as
10 currently authorized by law, including personnel in the
11 Army Corps of Engineers and other personal services nec-
12 essary for the purposes of this appropriation, and for con-
13 struction and operation of facilities in support of the func-
14 tions of the Commander in Chief, \$2,381,909,000, to re-
15 main available until September 30, 2030: *Provided*, That,
16 of this amount, not to exceed \$415,688,000 shall be avail-
17 able for study, planning, design, architect and engineer
18 services, and host nation support, as authorized by law,
19 unless the Secretary of the Army determines that addi-
20 tional obligations are necessary for such purposes and no-
21 tifies the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses
22 of Congress of the determination and the reasons therefor:
23 *Provided further*, That of the amount made available
24 under this heading, \$377,950,000 shall be for the projects

1 and activities, and in the amounts, specified in the table
2 under the heading “Military Construction, Army” in the
3 explanatory statement described in section 4 (in the mat-
4 ter preceding division A of this consolidated Act), in addi-
5 tion to amounts otherwise available for such purposes.

6 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

7 For acquisition, construction, installation, and equip-
8 ment of temporary or permanent public works, naval in-
9 stallations, facilities, and real property for the Navy and
10 Marine Corps as currently authorized by law, including
11 personnel in the Naval Facilities Engineering Command
12 and other personal services necessary for the purposes of
13 this appropriation, \$5,725,724,000, to remain available
14 until September 30, 2030: *Provided*, That, of this amount,
15 not to exceed \$629,088,000 shall be available for study,
16 planning, design, and architect and engineer services, as
17 authorized by law, unless the Secretary of the Navy deter-
18 mines that additional obligations are necessary for such
19 purposes and notifies the Committees on Appropriations
20 of both Houses of Congress of the determination and the
21 reasons therefor: *Provided further*, That of the amount
22 made available under this heading, \$290,690,000 shall be
23 for the projects and activities, and in the amounts, speci-
24 fied in the table under the heading “Military Construction,
25 Navy and Marine Corps” in the explanatory statement de-

1 scribed in section 4 (in the matter preceding division A
2 of this consolidated Act), in addition to amounts otherwise
3 available for such purposes.

4 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

5 For acquisition, construction, installation, and equip-
6 ment of temporary or permanent public works, military
7 installations, facilities, and real property for the Air Force
8 as currently authorized by law, including personnel in the
9 Department of the Air Force when designated by the Sec-
10 retary of Defense to direct and supervise Military Con-
11 struction projects in accordance with section 2851 of title
12 10, United States Code, and other personal services nec-
13 essary for the purposes of this appropriation,
14 \$3,926,273,000, to remain available until September 30,
15 2030: *Provided*, That, of this amount, not to exceed
16 \$646,573,000 shall be available for study, planning, de-
17 sign, and architect and engineer services, as authorized
18 by law, unless the Secretary of the Air Force determines
19 that additional obligations are necessary for such purposes
20 and notifies the Committees on Appropriations of both
21 Houses of Congress of the determination and the reasons
22 therefor: *Provided further*, That of the amount made avail-
23 able under this heading, \$361,800,000 shall be for the
24 projects and activities, and in the amounts, specified in
25 the table under the heading “Military Construction, Air

1 Force” in the explanatory statement described in section
2 4 (in the matter preceding division A of this consolidated
3 Act), in addition to amounts otherwise available for such
4 purposes.

5 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, DEFENSE-WIDE
6 (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
11 departments), as currently authorized by law,
12 \$3,784,301,000, to remain available until September 30,
13 2030: *Provided*, That such amounts of this appropriation
14 as may be determined by the Secretary of Defense may
15 be transferred to such appropriations of the Department
16 of Defense available for military construction or family
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
20 transferred: *Provided further*, That, of the amount, not to
21 exceed \$226,301,000 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

1 of both Houses of Congress of the determination and the
2 reasons therefor: *Provided further*, That of the amount
3 made available under this heading, \$82,000,000 shall be
4 for the projects and activities, and in the amounts, speci-
5 fied in the table under the heading “Military Construction,
6 Defense-Wide” in the explanatory statement described in
7 section 4 (in the matter preceding division A of this con-
8 solidated Act), in addition to amounts otherwise available
9 for such purposes.

10 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

11 For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-
12 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-
13 ministration of the Army National Guard, and contribu-
14 tions therefor, as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10,
15 United States Code, and Military Construction Authoriza-
16 tion Acts, \$272,930,000, to remain available until Sep-
17 tember 30, 2030: *Provided*, That, of the amount, not to
18 exceed \$80,080,000 shall be available for study, planning,
19 design, and architect and engineer services, as authorized
20 by law, unless the Director of the Army National Guard
21 determines that additional obligations are necessary for
22 such purposes and notifies the Committees on Appropria-
23 tions of both Houses of Congress of the determination and
24 the reasons therefor: *Provided further*, That of the amount
25 made available under this heading, \$112,050,000 shall be

1 for the projects and activities, and in the amounts, speci-
2 fied in the table under the heading “Military Construction,
3 Army National Guard” in the explanatory statement de-
4 scribed in section 4 (in the matter preceding division A
5 of this consolidated Act), in addition to amounts otherwise
6 available for such purposes.

7 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR NATIONAL GUARD

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

1 in section 4 (in the matter preceding division A of this
2 consolidated Act), in addition to amounts otherwise avail-
3 able for such purposes.

4 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY RESERVE

5 For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-
6 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-
7 ministration of the Army Reserve as authorized by chapter
8 1803 of title 10, United States Code, and Military Con-
9 struction Authorization Acts, \$92,239,000, to remain
10 available until September 30, 2030: *Provided*, That, of the
11 amount, not to exceed \$6,013,000 shall be available for
12 study, planning, design, and architect and engineer serv-
13 ices, as authorized by law, unless the Chief of the Army
14 Reserve determines that additional obligations are nec-
15 essary for such purposes and notifies the Committees on
16 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the deter-
17 mination and the reasons therefor: *Provided further*, That
18 of the amount made available under this heading,
19 \$50,000,000 shall be for the projects and activities, and
20 in the amounts, specified in the table under the heading
21 “Military Construction, Army Reserve” in the explanatory
22 statement described in section 4 (in the matter preceding
23 division A of this consolidated Act), in addition to amounts
24 otherwise available for such purposes.

1 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY RESERVE

2 For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-
3 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-
4 ministration of the reserve components of the Navy and
5 Marine Corps as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10,
6 United States Code, and Military Construction Authoriza-
7 tion Acts, \$52,255,000, to remain available until Sep-
8 tember 30, 2030: *Provided*, That, of the amount, not to
9 exceed \$2,255,000 shall be available for study, planning,
10 design, and architect and engineer services, as authorized
11 by law, unless the Secretary of the Navy determines that
12 additional obligations are necessary for such purposes and
13 notifies the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses
14 of Congress of the determination and the reasons therefor:
15 *Provided further*, That of the amount made available
16 under this heading, \$50,000,000 shall be for the projects
17 and activities, and in the amounts, specified in the table
18 under the heading “Military Construction, Navy Reserve”
19 in the explanatory statement described in section 4 (in the
20 matter preceding division A of this consolidated Act), in
21 addition to amounts otherwise available for such purposes.

22 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE RESERVE

23 For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-
24 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-
25 ministration of the Air Force Reserve as authorized by

1 chapter 1803 of title 10, United States Code, and Military
2 Construction Authorization Acts, \$116,468,000, to remain
3 available until September 30, 2030: *Provided*, That, of the
4 amount, not to exceed \$7,170,000 shall be available for
5 study, planning, design, and architect and engineer serv-
6 ices, as authorized by law, unless the Chief of the Air
7 Force Reserve determines that additional obligations are
8 necessary for such purposes and notifies the Committees
9 on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the de-
10 termination and the reasons therefor: *Provided further*,
11 That of the amount made available under this heading,
12 \$56,010,000 shall be for the projects and activities, and
13 in the amounts, specified in the table under the heading
14 “Military Construction, Air Force Reserve” in the explan-
15 atory statement described in section 4 (in the matter pre-
16 ceding division A of this consolidated Act), in addition to
17 amounts otherwise available for such purposes.

18 NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION

19 SECURITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

20 For the United States share of the cost of the North
21 Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Pro-
22 gram for the acquisition and construction of military fa-
23 cilities and installations (including international military
24 headquarters) and for related expenses for the collective
25 defense of the North Atlantic Treaty Area as authorized

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1 by section 2806 of title 10, United States Code, and Mili-
2 tary Construction Authorization Acts, \$481,832,000, to
3 remain available until expended.

4 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE ACCOUNT

5 For deposit into the Department of Defense Base
6 Closure Account, established by section 2906(a) of the De-
7 fense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (10
8 U.S.C. 2687 note), \$465,161,000, to remain available
9 until expended.

10 FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, ARMY

11 For expenses of family housing for the Army for con-
12 struction, including acquisition, replacement, addition, ex-
13 pansion, extension, and alteration, as authorized by law,
14 \$228,558,000, to remain available until September 30,
15 2030.

16 FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE,

17 ARMY

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

22 FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE

23 CORPS

24 For expenses of family housing for the Navy and Ma-
25 rine Corps for construction, including acquisition, replace-

1 ment, addition, expansion, extension, and alteration, as
2 authorized by law, \$177,597,000, to remain available until
3 September 30, 2030.

4 FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE,
5 NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

6 For expenses of family housing for the Navy and Ma-
7 rine Corps for operation and maintenance, including debt
8 payment, leasing, minor construction, principal and inter-
9 est charges, and insurance premiums, as authorized by
10 law, \$384,108,000.

11 FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

12 For expenses of family housing for the Air Force for
13 construction, including acquisition, replacement, addition,
14 expansion, extension, and alteration, as authorized by law,
15 \$274,230,000, to remain available until September 30,
16 2030.

17 FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR
18 FORCE

19 For expenses of family housing for the Air Force for
20 operation and maintenance, including debt payment, leas-
21 ing, minor construction, principal and interest charges,
22 and insurance premiums, as authorized by law,
23 \$369,765,000.

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1 FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE,
2 DEFENSE-WIDE

3 For expenses of family housing for the activities and
4 agencies of the Department of Defense (other than the
5 military departments) for operation and maintenance,
6 leasing, and minor construction, as authorized by law,
7 \$53,374,000.

8 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

9 FAMILY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT FUND

For the Department of Defense Family Housing Improvement Fund, \$8,315,000, 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.

16 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

17 MILITARY UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING IMPROVEMENT
18 FUND

For the Department of Defense Military Unaccompanied Housing Improvement Fund, \$497,000, to remain available until expended, for unaccompanied housing initiatives undertaken pursuant to section 2883 of title 10, United States Code, providing alternative means of acquiring and improving military unaccompanied housing and supporting facilities.

1 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

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

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

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

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

23 SEC. 105. None of the funds made available in this
24 title shall be used for purchase of land or land easements
25 in excess of 100 percent of the value as determined by

1 the Army Corps of Engineers or the Naval Facilities Engi-
2 neering Command, except: (1) where there is a determina-
3 tion of value by a Federal court; (2) purchases negotiated
4 by the Attorney General or the designee of the Attorney
5 General; (3) where the estimated value is less than
6 \$25,000; or (4) as otherwise determined by the Secretary
7 of Defense to be in the public interest.

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

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

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

24 SEC. 109. None of the funds available to the Depart-
25 ment of Defense for military construction or family hous-

1 ing during the current fiscal year may be used to pay real
2 property taxes in any foreign nation.

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

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

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

1 not apply to contract awards for military construction on
2 Kwajalein Atoll for which the lowest responsive and re-
3 sponsible bid is submitted by a Marshallese contractor.

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

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

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

22 SEC. 116. Notwithstanding any other provision of
23 law, any funds made available to a military department
24 or defense agency for the construction of military projects
25 may be obligated for a military construction project or

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

9 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

10 SEC. 117. Subject to 30 days prior notification, or
11 14 days for a notification provided in an electronic me-
12 dium pursuant to sections 480 and 2883 of title 10,
13 United States Code, to the Committees on Appropriations
14 of both Houses of Congress, such additional amounts as
15 may be determined by the Secretary of Defense may be
16 transferred to: (1) the Department of Defense Family
17 Housing Improvement Fund from amounts appropriated
18 for construction in “Family Housing” accounts, to be
19 merged with and to be available for the same purposes
20 and for the same period of time as amounts appropriated
21 directly to the Fund; or (2) the Department of Defense
22 Military Unaccompanied Housing Improvement Fund
23 from amounts appropriated for construction of military
24 unaccompanied housing in “Military Construction” ac-
25 counts, to be merged with and to be available for the same

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

11 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

23 SEC. 119. Notwithstanding any other provision of
24 law, funds made available in this title for operation and
25 maintenance of family housing shall be the exclusive

1 source of funds for repair and maintenance of all family
2 housing units, including general or flag officer quarters:
3 *Provided*, That not more than \$35,000 per unit may be
4 spent annually for the maintenance and repair of any gen-
5 eral or flag officer quarters without 30 days prior notifica-
6 tion, or 14 days for a notification provided in an electronic
7 medium pursuant to sections 480 and 2883 of title 10,
8 United States Code, to the Committees on Appropriations
9 of both Houses of Congress, except that an after-the-fact
10 notification shall be submitted if the limitation is exceeded
11 solely due to costs associated with environmental remedi-
12 ation that could not be reasonably anticipated at the time
13 of the budget submission: *Provided further*, That the
14 Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) is to report an-
15 nually to the Committees on Appropriations of both
16 Houses of Congress all operation and maintenance ex-
17 penditures for each individual general or flag officer quar-
18 ters for the prior fiscal year.

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

1 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

16 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

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

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

8 “Military Construction, Army”, \$144,000,000;

9 “Military Construction, Army National Guard”,
10 \$15,500,000;

11 “Military Construction, Air National Guard”,
12 \$11,000,000; and

13 “Military Construction, Army Reserve”,
14 \$15,000,000:

15 *Provided*, That such funds may only be obligated to carry
16 out construction and cost to complete projects identified
17 in the respective military department’s unfunded priority
18 list for fiscal year 2025 or 2026 submitted to Congress:

19 *Provided further*, That such projects are subject to author-
20 ization prior to obligation and expenditure of funds to
21 carry out construction: *Provided further*, That not later
22 than 60 days after enactment of this Act, the Secretary
23 of the military department concerned, or their designee,
24 shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both

1 Houses of Congress an expenditure plan for funds pro-
2 vided under this section.

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

14 SEC. 126. Notwithstanding section 116 of this Act,
15 funds made available in this Act or any available unobli-
16 gated balances from prior appropriations Acts may be obli-
17 gated before October 1, 2027 for fiscal year 2017, 2018,
18 2019, and 2020 military construction projects for which
19 project authorization has not lapsed or for which author-
20 ization is extended for fiscal year 2026 by a National De-
21 fense Authorization Act: *Provided*, That no amounts may
22 be obligated pursuant to this section from amounts that
23 were designated by the Congress as an emergency require-
24 ment pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget

1 or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control
2 Act of 1985.

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

11 SEC. 128. For an additional amount for the accounts
12 and in the amounts specified for design for child develop-
13 ment centers, to remain available until September 30,
14 2030:

15 “Military Construction, Army”, \$5,000,000;

16 “Military Construction, Navy and Marine
17 Corps”, \$5,000,000; and

18 “Military Construction, Air Force”,
19 \$5,000,000:

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

1 SEC. 129. For an additional amount for the accounts
2 and in the amounts specified for design for barracks, to
3 remain available until September 30, 2030:

4 “Military Construction, Army”, \$5,000,000;

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

7 “Military Construction, Air Force”,
8 \$5,000,000:

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

14 SEC. 130. For an additional amount for the accounts
15 and in the amounts specified for unspecified minor con-
16 struction for demolition, to remain available until Sep-
17 tember 30, 2030:

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

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

21 “Military Construction, Air Force”,
22 \$10,000,000:

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

1 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress
2 an expenditure plan for funds provided under this section.

3 SEC. 131. None of the funds made available by this
4 Act may be used to carry out the closure or realignment
5 of the United States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay,
6 Cuba.

7 SEC. 132. Notwithstanding limitations in this and
8 prior Acts on the obligation or expenditure of military con-
9 struction appropriations for planning and design and con-
10 struction of projects at Arlington National Cemetery, un-
11 obligated funds available to the Department of the Army
12 for military construction projects may be obligated for ac-
13 cess road projects at Arlington National Cemetery that
14 have been authorized in accordance with section 210 of
15 title 23, United State Code.

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

6 For the payment of compensation benefits to or on
7 behalf of veterans and a pilot program for disability ex-
8 aminations as authorized by section 107 and chapters 11,
9 13, 18, 51, 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United States Code;
10 pension benefits to or on behalf of veterans as authorized
11 by chapters 15, 51, 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United
12 States Code; and burial benefits, the Reinstated Entitle-
13 ment Program for Survivors, emergency and other offi-
14 cers' retirement pay, adjusted-service credits and certifi-
15 cates, payment of premiums due on commercial life insur-
16 ance policies guaranteed under the provisions of title IV
17 of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C. App.
18 541 et seq.) and for other benefits as authorized by sec-
19 tions 107, 1312, 1977, and 2106, and chapters 23, 51,
20 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United States Code,
21 \$5,850,000,000, which shall be in addition to funds pre-
22 viously appropriated under this heading that became avail-
23 able on October 1, 2025, to remain available until ex-
24 pended; and, in addition, \$246,630,525,000, which shall
25 become available on October 1, 2026, to remain available

1 until expended: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$29,454,647
2 of the amount made available for fiscal year 2027 under
3 this heading shall be reimbursed to “General Operating
4 Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration”, and “Infor-
5 mation Technology Systems” for necessary expenses in
6 implementing the provisions of chapters 51, 53, and 55
7 of title 38, United States Code, the funding source for
8 which is specifically provided as the “Compensation and
9 Pensions” appropriation: *Provided further*, That such
10 sums as may be earned on an actual qualifying patient
11 basis, shall be reimbursed to “Medical Care Collections
12 Fund” to augment the funding of individual medical facili-
13 ties for nursing home care provided to pensioners as au-
14 thorized.

15 READJUSTMENT BENEFITS

16 For the payment of readjustment and rehabilitation
17 benefits to or on behalf of veterans as authorized by chap-
18 ters 21, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, 39, 41, 51, 53, 55, and
19 61 of title 38, United States Code, \$4,877,886,000, which
20 shall be in addition to funds previously appropriated under
21 this heading that became available on October 1, 2025,
22 to remain available until expended; and, in addition,
23 \$24,703,528,000, which shall become available on October
24 1, 2026, to remain available until expended: *Provided*,
25 That expenses for rehabilitation program services and as-

1 sistance which the Secretary is authorized to provide
2 under subsection (a) of section 3104 of title 38, United
3 States Code, other than under paragraphs (1), (2), (5),
4 and (11) of that subsection, shall be charged to this ac-
5 count.

6 VETERANS INSURANCE AND INDEMNITIES

7 For military and naval insurance, national service life
8 insurance, servicemen's indemnities, service-disabled vet-
9 erans insurance, and veterans mortgage life insurance as
10 authorized by chapters 19 and 21 of title 38, United
11 States Code, \$97,893,000, which shall become available
12 on October 1, 2026, to remain available until expended.

13 VETERANS HOUSING BENEFIT PROGRAM FUND

14 For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans, such
15 sums as may be necessary to carry out the program, as
16 authorized by subchapters I through III of chapter 37 of
17 title 38, United States Code: *Provided*, That such costs,
18 including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as de-
19 fined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of
20 1974: *Provided further*, That, during fiscal year 2026,
21 within the resources available, not to exceed \$500,000 in
22 gross obligations for direct loans are authorized for spe-
23 cially adapted housing loans.

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

1 VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

2 For the cost of direct loans, \$45,428, as authorized
3 by chapter 31 of title 38, United States Code: *Provided*,
4 That such costs, including the cost of modifying such
5 loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congres-
6 sional Budget Act of 1974: *Provided further*, That funds
7 made available under this heading are available to sub-
8 sidize gross obligations for the principal amount of direct
9 loans not to exceed \$1,394,442.

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

14 NATIVE AMERICAN VETERAN HOUSING LOAN PROGRAM

15 ACCOUNT

16 For the cost of direct loans, \$6,865,235, as author-
17 ized by subchapter V of chapter 37 of title 38, United
18 States Code: *Provided*, That such costs, including the cost
19 of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502
20 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974: *Provided fur-*
21 *ther*, That funds made available under this heading are
22 available to subsidize gross obligations for the principal
23 amount of direct loans not to exceed \$75,000,000.

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

4 GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES, VETERANS BENEFITS
5 ADMINISTRATION

6 For necessary operating expenses of the Veterans
7 Benefits Administration, not otherwise provided for, in-
8 cluding hire of passenger motor vehicles, reimbursement
9 of the General Services Administration for security guard
10 services, and reimbursement of the Department of De-
11 fense for the cost of overseas employee mail,
12 \$3,881,000,000: *Provided*, That expenses for services and
13 assistance authorized under paragraphs (1), (2), (5), and
14 (11) of section 3104(a) of title 38, United States Code,
15 that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs determines are nec-
16 essary to enable entitled veterans: (1) to the maximum ex-
17 tent feasible, to become employable and to obtain and
18 maintain suitable employment; or (2) to achieve maximum
19 independence in daily living, shall be charged to this ac-
20 count: *Provided further*, That, of the funds made available
21 under this heading, not to exceed 10 percent shall remain
22 available until September 30, 2027.

1 VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

2 MEDICAL SERVICES

3 For necessary expenses for furnishing, as authorized
4 by law, inpatient and outpatient care and treatment to
5 beneficiaries of the Department of Veterans Affairs and
6 veterans described in section 1705(a) of title 38, United
7 States Code, including care and treatment in facilities not
8 under the jurisdiction of the Department, and including
9 medical supplies and equipment, bioengineering services,
10 food services, and salaries and expenses of healthcare em-
11 ployees hired under title 38, United States Code, assist-
12 ance and support services for caregivers as authorized by
13 section 1720G of title 38, United States Code, loan repay-
14 ments authorized by section 604 of the Caregivers and
15 Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2010 (Public
16 Law 111–163; 124 Stat. 1174; 38 U.S.C. 7681 note),
17 monthly assistance allowances authorized by section
18 322(d) of title 38, United States Code, grants authorized
19 by section 521A of title 38, United States Code, and ad-
20 ministrative expenses necessary to carry out sections
21 322(d) and 521A of title 38, United States Code, and hos-
22 pital care and medical services authorized by section 1787
23 of title 38, United States Code; \$59,858,000,000, plus re-
24 imbursements, which shall become available on October 1,
25 2026, and shall remain available until September 30,

1 2027: *Provided*, That, of the amount made available on
2 October 1, 2026, under this heading, \$2,000,000,000 shall
3 remain available until September 30, 2028: *Provided fur-*
4 *ther*, That of the \$75,039,000,000 that became available
5 on October 1, 2025, previously appropriated under this
6 heading in the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act,
7 2025 (division A of Public Law 119–4), \$15,889,000,000
8 is hereby rescinded: *Provided further*, That, notwith-
9 standing any other provision of law, the Secretary of Vet-
10 erans Affairs shall establish a priority for the provision
11 of medical treatment for veterans who have service-con-
12 nected disabilities, lower income, or have special needs:
13 *Provided further*, That, notwithstanding any other provi-
14 sion of law, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall give
15 priority funding for the provision of basic medical benefits
16 to veterans in enrollment priority groups 1 through 6: *Pro-*
17 *vided further*, That, notwithstanding any other provision
18 of law, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs may authorize
19 the dispensing of prescription drugs from Veterans Health
20 Administration facilities to enrolled veterans with privately
21 written prescriptions based on requirements established by
22 the Secretary: *Provided further*, That the implementation
23 of the program described in the previous proviso shall
24 incur no additional cost to the Department of Veterans
25 Affairs: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of Veterans

1 Affairs shall ensure that sufficient amounts appropriated
2 under this heading for medical supplies and equipment are
3 available for the acquisition of prosthetics designed specifi-
4 cally for female veterans: *Provided further*, That nothing
5 in section 2044(e) of title 38, United States Code, may
6 be construed as limiting amounts that may be made avail-
7 able under this heading for fiscal years 2026 and 2027
8 in this or prior Acts.

9 MEDICAL COMMUNITY CARE

10 For necessary expenses for furnishing health care to
11 individuals pursuant to chapter 17 of title 38, United
12 States Code, at non-Department facilities,
13 \$38,700,000,000, plus reimbursements, which shall be-
14 come available on October 1, 2026, and shall remain avail-
15 able until September 30, 2027: *Provided*, That, of the
16 amount made available on October 1, 2026, under this
17 heading, \$2,000,000,000 shall remain available until Sep-
18 tember 30, 2028.

19 MEDICAL SUPPORT AND COMPLIANCE

20 For necessary expenses in the administration of the
21 medical, hospital, nursing home, domiciliary, construction,
22 supply, and research activities, as authorized by law; ad-
23 ministrative expenses in support of capital policy activi-
24 ties; and administrative and legal expenses of the Depart-
25 ment for collecting and recovering amounts owed the De-

1 partment as authorized under chapter 17 of title 38,
2 United States Code, and the Federal Medical Care Recov-
3 ery Act (42 U.S.C. 2651 et seq.), \$12,000,000,000, plus
4 reimbursements, which shall become available on October
5 1, 2026, and shall remain available until September 30,
6 2027: *Provided*, That, of the amount made available on
7 October 1, 2026, under this heading, \$350,000,000 shall
8 remain available until September 30, 2028: *Provided fur-*
9 *ther*, That, of the \$12,700,000,000 that became available
10 on October 1, 2025, previously appropriated under this
11 heading in the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act,
12 2025 (division A of Public Law 119–4), \$610,000,000 is
13 hereby rescinded.

14 MEDICAL FACILITIES

15 For necessary expenses for the maintenance and op-
16 eration of hospitals, nursing homes, domiciliary facilities,
17 and other necessary facilities of the Veterans Health Ad-
18 ministration; for administrative expenses in support of
19 planning, design, project management, real property ac-
20 quisition and disposition, construction, and renovation of
21 any facility under the jurisdiction or for the use of the
22 Department; for oversight, engineering, and architectural
23 activities not charged to project costs; for repairing, alter-
24 ing, improving, or providing facilities in the several hos-
25 pitals and homes under the jurisdiction of the Depart-

1 ment, not otherwise provided for, either by contract or by
2 the hire of temporary employees and purchase of mate-
3 rials; for leases of facilities; and for laundry services;
4 \$145,917,000, which shall be in addition to funds pre-
5 viously appropriated under this heading that became avail-
6 able on October 1, 2025; and, in addition,
7 \$11,700,000,000, plus reimbursements, which shall be-
8 come available on October 1, 2026, and shall remain avail-
9 able until September 30, 2027: *Provided*, That, of the
10 amount made available on October 1, 2026, under this
11 heading, \$500,000,000 shall remain available until Sep-
12 tember 30, 2028.

13 MEDICAL AND PROSTHETIC RESEARCH

14 For necessary expenses in carrying out programs of
15 medical and prosthetic research and development as au-
16 thorized by chapter 73 of title 38, United States Code,
17 \$945,000,000, plus reimbursements, shall remain avail-
18 able until September 30, 2027: *Provided*, That the Sec-
19 retary of Veterans Affairs shall ensure that sufficient
20 amounts appropriated under this heading are available for
21 prosthetic research specifically for female veterans, and
22 for toxic exposure research.

23 NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION

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

1 wise provided for, including uniforms or allowances there-
2 for; cemeterial expenses as authorized by law; purchase
3 of one passenger motor vehicle for use in cemeterial oper-
4 ations; hire of passenger motor vehicles; and repair, alter-
5 ation or improvement of facilities under the jurisdiction
6 of the National Cemetery Administration, \$498,500,000,
7 of which not to exceed 10 percent shall remain available
8 until September 30, 2027.

9 DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

10 GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

11 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

12 For necessary operating expenses of the Department
13 of Veterans Affairs, not otherwise provided for, including
14 administrative expenses in support of Department-wide
15 capital planning, management and policy activities, uni-
16 forms, or allowances therefor; not to exceed \$25,000 for
17 official reception and representation expenses; hire of pas-
18 senger motor vehicles; and reimbursement of the General
19 Services Administration for security guard services,
20 \$429,000,000, which shall be for the offices and in the
21 amounts specified under this heading in the explanatory
22 statement described in section 4 (in the matter preceding
23 division A of this consolidated Act), of which not to exceed
24 10 percent for each such office shall remain available until
25 September 30, 2027: *Provided*, That funds provided under

1 this heading may be transferred to “General Operating
2 Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration”.

3 BOARD OF VETERANS APPEALS

4 For necessary operating expenses of the Board of
5 Veterans Appeals, \$280,000,000, of which not to exceed
6 10 percent shall remain available until September 30,
7 2027.

8 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS

9 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

10 For necessary expenses for information technology
11 systems and telecommunications support, including devel-
12 opmental information systems and operational information
13 systems; for pay and associated costs; and for the capital
14 asset acquisition of information technology systems, in-
15 cluding management and related contractual costs of said
16 acquisitions, including contractual costs associated with
17 operations authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United
18 States Code, \$5,919,000,000, plus reimbursements: *Pro-*
19 *vided*, That \$1,422,916,000 shall be for pay and associ-
20 ated costs, of which not to exceed 3 percent shall remain
21 available until September 30, 2027: *Provided further*, That
22 \$3,917,921,000 shall be for operations and maintenance,
23 of which not to exceed 5 percent shall remain available
24 until September 30, 2027, and of which \$118,900,000
25 shall remain available until September 30, 2030, for the

1 purpose of facility activations related to projects funded
2 by the “Construction, Major Projects”, “Construction,
3 Minor Projects”, “Medical Facilities”, “National Ceme-
4 tery Administration”, “General Operating Expenses, Vet-
5 erans Benefits Administration”, and “General Adminis-
6 tration” accounts: *Provided further*, That \$578,163,000
7 shall be for information technology systems development,
8 and shall remain available until September 30, 2027: *Pro-*
9 *vided further*, That amounts made available for salaries
10 and expenses, operations and maintenance, and informa-
11 tion technology systems development may be transferred
12 among the three subaccounts after the Secretary of Vet-
13 erans Affairs requests from the Committees on Appropria-
14 tions of both Houses of Congress the authority to make
15 the transfer and an approval is issued: *Provided further*,
16 That amounts made available for the “Information Tech-
17 nology Systems” account for development may be trans-
18 ferred among projects or to newly defined projects: *Pro-*
19 *vided further*, That no project may be increased or de-
20 creased by more than \$3,000,000 of cost prior to submit-
21 ting a request to the Committees on Appropriations of
22 both Houses of Congress to make the transfer and an ap-
23 proval is issued, or absent a response, a period of 30 days
24 has elapsed.

1 VETERANS ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD

2 For activities related to implementation, preparation,
3 development, interface, management, rollout, and mainte-
4 nance of a Veterans Electronic Health Record system, in-
5 cluding contractual costs associated with operations au-
6 thorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code,
7 and salaries and expenses of employees hired under titles
8 5 and 38, United States Code, \$3,400,000,000, to remain
9 available until September 30, 2028: *Provided*, That the
10 Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Commit-
11 tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress quar-
12 terly reports detailing obligations, expenditures, and de-
13 ployment implementation by facility, including any
14 changes from the deployment plan or schedule: *Provided*
15 *further*, That the funds provided in this account shall only
16 be available to the Office of the Deputy Secretary, to be
17 administered by that Office: *Provided further*, That 30
18 percent of the funds made available under this heading
19 shall not be available until July 1, 2026, and are contin-
20 gent upon the Secretary of Veterans Affairs providing to
21 the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-
22 gress a plan by June 1, 2026, containing the following:
23 (1) an updated life-cycle cost estimate for the
24 EHRM program based on the Department's accel-
25 eration of deployments announced in March 2025;

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

4 (3) a certification that all VA facilities using
5 the new EHR on or before April 1, 2024, have ex-
6 ceeded or met certain health care performance base-
7 line metrics indicating they have returned to their
8 service delivery levels in place prior to the deploy-
9 ment of the new EHR;

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

20 (5) a certification that the Department has
21 achieved at least four consecutive successful site de-
22 ployments without any incidents of a delay in care
23 or patient harm which must be disclosed under Vet-
24 erans Health Administration Directive 1004.08
25 which are attributable to EHR systems.

1 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

2 For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector
3 General, to include information technology, in carrying out
4 the provisions of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5
5 U.S.C. 401 et seq.), \$296,000,000, of which not to exceed
6 10 percent shall remain available until September 30,
7 2027.

8 CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR PROJECTS

9 For constructing, altering, extending, and improving
10 any of the facilities, including parking projects, under the
11 jurisdiction or for the use of the Department of Veterans
12 Affairs, or for any of the purposes set forth in sections
13 316, 2404, 2406 and chapter 81 of title 38, United States
14 Code, not otherwise provided for, including planning, ar-
15 chitectural and engineering services, construction manage-
16 ment services, maintenance or guarantee period services
17 costs associated with equipment guarantees provided
18 under the project, services of claims analysts, offsite utility
19 and storm drainage system construction costs, and site ac-
20 quisition, where the estimated cost of a project is more
21 than the amount set forth in section 8104(a)(3)(A) of title
22 38, United States Code, or where funds for a project were
23 made available in a previous major project appropriation,
24 \$1,394,000,000, of which \$621,615,000 shall remain
25 available until September 30, 2030, and of which

1 \$772,385,000 shall remain available until expended: *Pro-*
2 *vided*, That except for advance planning activities, includ-
3 ing needs assessments which may or may not lead to cap-
4 ital investments, and other capital asset management re-
5 lated activities, including portfolio development and man-
6 agement activities, and planning, cost estimating, and de-
7 sign for major medical facility projects and major medical
8 facility leases and investment strategy studies funded
9 through the advance planning fund and the planning and
10 design activities funded through the design fund, staffing
11 expenses, and funds provided for the purchase, security,
12 and maintenance of land for the National Cemetery Ad-
13 ministration and the Veterans Health Administration
14 through the land acquisition line item, none of the funds
15 made available under this heading shall be used for any
16 project that has not been notified to Congress through the
17 budgetary process or that has not been approved by the
18 Congress through statute, joint resolution, or in the ex-
19 planatory statement accompanying such Act and pre-
20 sented to the President at the time of enrollment: *Provided*
21 *further*, That funds provided for the Veterans Health Ad-
22 ministration through the land acquisition line item shall
23 be only for projects included on the five year development
24 plan notified to Congress through the budgetary process:
25 *Provided further*, That such sums as may be necessary

1 shall be available to reimburse the “General Administra-
2 tion” account for payment of salaries and expenses of all
3 Office of Construction and Facilities Management employ-
4 ees to support the full range of capital infrastructure serv-
5 ices provided, including minor construction and leasing
6 services: *Provided further*, That funds made available
7 under this heading for fiscal year 2026, for each approved
8 project shall be obligated: (1) by the awarding of a con-
9 struction documents contract by September 30, 2026; and
10 (2) by the awarding of a construction contract by Sep-
11 tember 30, 2027: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of
12 Veterans Affairs shall promptly submit to the Committees
13 on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a written
14 report on any approved major construction project for
15 which obligations are not incurred within the time limita-
16 tions established above: *Provided further*, That notwith-
17 standing the requirements of section 8104(a) of title 38,
18 United States Code, amounts made available under this
19 heading for seismic program management activities shall
20 be available for the completion of both new and existing
21 seismic projects of the Department.

22 CONSTRUCTION, MINOR PROJECTS

23 For constructing, altering, extending, and improving
24 any of the facilities, including parking projects, under the
25 jurisdiction or for the use of the Department of Veterans

1 Affairs, including planning and assessments of needs
2 which may lead to capital investments, architectural and
3 engineering services, maintenance or guarantee period
4 services costs associated with equipment guarantees pro-
5 vided under the project, services of claims analysts, offsite
6 utility and storm drainage system construction costs, and
7 site acquisition, or for any of the purposes set forth in
8 sections 316, 2404, 2406 and chapter 81 of title 38,
9 United States Code, not otherwise provided for, where the
10 estimated cost of a project is equal to or less than the
11 amount set forth in section 8104(a)(3)(A) of title 38,
12 United States Code, \$350,000,000, of which
13 \$231,000,000 shall remain available until September 30,
14 2030, and of which \$119,000,000 shall remain available
15 until expended, along with unobligated balances of pre-
16 vious “Construction, Minor Projects” appropriations
17 which are hereby made available for any project where the
18 estimated cost is equal to or less than the amount set forth
19 in such section: *Provided*, That funds made available
20 under this heading shall be for: (1) repairs to any of the
21 nonmedical facilities under the jurisdiction or for the use
22 of the Department which are necessary because of loss or
23 damage caused by any natural disaster or catastrophe;
24 and (2) temporary measures necessary to prevent or to
25 minimize further loss by such causes.

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1 GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STATE EXTENDED CARE
2 FACILITIES

3 For grants to assist States to acquire or construct
4 State nursing home and domiciliary facilities and to re-
5 model, modify, or alter existing hospital, nursing home,
6 and domiciliary facilities in State homes, for furnishing
7 care to veterans as authorized by sections 8131 through
8 8137 of title 38, United States Code, \$275,000,000, to
9 remain available until expended.

10 GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF VETERANS CEMETERIES

11 For grants to assist States and tribal organizations
12 in establishing, expanding, or improving veterans ceme-
13 teries as authorized by section 2408 of title 38, United
14 States Code, \$150,000,000, to remain available until ex-
15 pended.

16 COST OF WAR TOXIC EXPOSURES FUND

17 For investment in the delivery of veterans' health
18 care associated with exposure to environmental hazards,
19 the expenses incident to the delivery of veterans' health
20 care and benefits associated with exposure to environ-
21 mental hazards, and medical and other research relating
22 to exposure to environmental hazards, as authorized by
23 section 324 of title 38, United States Code, and in addi-
24 tion to the amounts otherwise available for such purposes
25 in the appropriations provided in this or prior Acts, includ-

1 ing the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 (Public Law
2 118–5), \$52,676,000,000, to remain available until ex-
3 pended.

4 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

5 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

16 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

17 SEC. 202. Not to exceed 1 percent of amounts made
18 available for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal
19 year 2026, in this or any other Act, including prior Acts,
20 under the “Medical Services”, “Medical Community
21 Care”, “Medical Support and Compliance”, and “Medical
22 Facilities” accounts may be transferred among the ac-
23 counts: *Provided*, That no such account shall be increased
24 by more than 1 percent, in this or any other Act, by any
25 such transfer: *Provided further*, That amounts may be

1 transferred pursuant to this section only upon written no-
2 tification from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to the
3 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress
4 of the amount and purpose of the transfer: *Provided fur-*
5 *ther*, That the transfer authority provided in this section
6 is in addition to any other transfer authority provided by
7 law.

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

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

20 SEC. 205. No appropriations in this title shall be
21 available for hospitalization or examination of any persons
22 (except beneficiaries entitled to such hospitalization or ex-
23 amination under the laws providing such benefits to vet-
24 erans, and persons receiving such treatment under sec-
25 tions 7901 through 7904 of title 5, United States Code,

1 or the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency
2 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.)), unless reim-
3 bursement of the cost of such hospitalization or examina-
4 tion is made to the “Medical Services” account at such
5 rates as may be fixed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

6 SEC. 206. Appropriations available in this title for
7 “Compensation and Pensions”, “Readjustment Benefits”,
8 and “Veterans Insurance and Indemnities” shall be avail-
9 able for payment of prior year accrued obligations re-
10 quired to be recorded by law against the corresponding
11 prior year accounts within the last quarter of fiscal year
12 2025.

13 SEC. 207. Appropriations available in this title shall
14 be available to pay prior year obligations of corresponding
15 prior year appropriations accounts resulting from sections
16 3328(a), 3334, and 3712(a) of title 31, United States
17 Code, except that if such obligations are from trust fund
18 accounts they shall be payable only from “Compensation
19 and Pensions”.

20 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

21 SEC. 208. Notwithstanding any other provision of
22 law, during fiscal year 2026, the Secretary of Veterans
23 Affairs shall, from the National Service Life Insurance
24 Fund under section 1920 of title 38, United States Code,
25 the Veterans’ Special Life Insurance Fund under section

1 1923 of title 38, United States Code, and the United
2 States Government Life Insurance Fund under section
3 1955 of title 38, United States Code, reimburse the “Gen-
4 eral Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administra-
5 tion” and “Information Technology Systems” accounts for
6 the cost of administration of the insurance programs fi-
7 nanced through those accounts: *Provided*, That reimburse-
8 ment shall be made only from the surplus earnings accu-
9 mulated in such an insurance program during fiscal year
10 2026 that are available for dividends in that program after
11 claims have been paid and actuarially determined reserves
12 have been set aside: *Provided further*, That if the cost of
13 administration of such an insurance program exceeds the
14 amount of surplus earnings accumulated in that program,
15 reimbursement shall be made only to the extent of such
16 surplus earnings: *Provided further*, That the Secretary
17 shall determine the cost of administration for fiscal year
18 2026 which is properly allocable to the provision of each
19 such insurance program and to the provision of any total
20 disability income insurance included in that insurance pro-
21 gram.

22 SEC. 209. Amounts deducted from enhanced-use
23 lease proceeds to reimburse an account for expenses in-
24 curred by that account during a prior fiscal year for pro-

1 viding enhanced-use lease services shall be available until
2 expended.

3 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

22 SEC. 211. No funds of the Department of Veterans
23 Affairs shall be available for hospital care, nursing home
24 care, or medical services provided to any person under
25 chapter 17 of title 38, United States Code, for a non-serv-

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

14 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

1 SEC. 213. Amounts made available under “Medical
2 Services” are available—

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

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

8 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

15 SEC. 215. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may
16 enter into agreements with Federally Qualified Health
17 Centers in the State of Alaska and Indian Tribes and
18 Tribal organizations which are party to the Alaska Native
19 Health Compact with the Indian Health Service, to pro-
20 vide healthcare, including behavioral health and dental
21 care, to veterans in rural Alaska. The Secretary shall re-
22 quire participating veterans and facilities to comply with
23 all appropriate rules and regulations, as established by the
24 Secretary. The term “rural Alaska” shall mean those

1 lands which are not within the boundaries of the munici-
2 pality of Anchorage or the Fairbanks North Star Borough.

3 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

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

20 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

21 SEC. 218. Amounts made available under the “Med-
22 ical Services”, “Medical Community Care”, “Medical Sup-
23 port and Compliance”, “Medical Facilities”, “General Op-
24 erating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration”,
25 “Board of Veterans Appeals”, “General Administration”,

1 and “National Cemetery Administration” accounts for fis-
2 cal year 2026 may be transferred to or from the “Informa-
3 tion Technology Systems” account: *Provided*, That such
4 transfers may not result in a more than 10 percent aggre-
5 gate increase in the total amount made available by this
6 Act for the “Information Technology Systems” account:
7 *Provided further*, That, before a transfer may take place,
8 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall request from the
9 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress
10 the authority to make the transfer and an approval is
11 issued.

12 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

13 SEC. 219. Of the amounts appropriated to the De-
14 partment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2026 for
15 “Medical Services”, “Medical Community Care”, “Medical
16 Support and Compliance”, “Medical Facilities”, “Con-
17 struction, Minor Projects”, and “Information Technology
18 Systems”, up to \$654,954,000, plus reimbursements, may
19 be transferred to the Joint Department of Defense—De-
20 partment of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstra-
21 tion Fund, established by section 1704 of the National De-
22 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law
23 111–84; 123 Stat. 2571) and may be used for operation
24 of the facilities designated as combined Federal medical
25 facilities as described by section 706 of the Duncan Hun-

1 ter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
2 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500): *Provided*,
3 That additional funds may be transferred from accounts
4 designated in this section to the Joint Department of De-
5 fense—Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility
6 Demonstration Fund upon written notification by the Sec-
7 retary of Veterans Affairs to the Committees on Appro-
8 priations of both Houses of Congress: *Provided further*,
9 That section 220 of title II of division A of Public Law
10 118–42, as continued by section 1101(a)(10) of division
11 A of Public Law 119–4, is repealed.

12 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

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

8 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

1 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010
2 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 2573), amounts trans-
3 ferred to the Joint Department of Defense—Department
4 of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund
5 shall remain available until expended.

6 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

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

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

1 of a contract identifying the programmed amount: *Pro-*
2 *vided further*, That the Secretary shall notify the Commit-
3 tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress 14
4 days prior to the obligation of such bid savings and shall
5 describe the anticipated use of such savings.

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

13 SEC. 226. 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
16 Houses of Congress a quarterly report containing perform-
17 ance measures and data from each Veterans Benefits Ad-
18 ministration Regional Office: *Provided*, That, at a min-
19 imum, the report shall include the direction contained in
20 the section entitled “Disability claims backlog”, under the
21 heading “General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits
22 Administration” in the joint explanatory statement accom-
23 panying Public Law 114–223: *Provided further*, That the
24 report shall also include information on the number of ap-
25 peals pending at the Veterans Benefits Administration as

1 well as the Board of Veterans Appeals on a quarterly
2 basis.

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

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

14 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

15 SEC. 229. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, upon
16 determination that such action is necessary to address
17 needs of the Veterans Health Administration, may trans-
18 fer to the “Medical Services” account not to exceed 1 per-
19 cent of any discretionary appropriations made available
20 for fiscal year 2026 in this title (except the appropriation
21 made to the “General Operating Expenses, Veterans Ben-
22 efits Administration” account) or not to exceed 1 percent
23 of any discretionary unobligated balances within the De-
24 partment of Veterans Affairs, including not to exceed 1
25 percent of those appropriated for fiscal year 2026, that

1 were provided in advance by appropriations Acts: *Pro-*
2 *vided*, That the transfer authority provided in this section
3 is in addition to any other transfer authority provided by
4 law: *Provided further*, That no amounts may be trans-
5 ferred from amounts that were designated by Congress as
6 an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent reso-
7 lution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emer-
8 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985: *Provided further*, That
9 such authority to transfer may not be used unless for
10 higher priority items, based on emergent healthcare re-
11 quirements, than those for which originally appropriated
12 and in no case where the item for which funds are re-
13 quested has been denied by Congress: *Provided further*,
14 That, upon determination that all or part of the funds
15 transferred from an appropriation are not necessary, such
16 amounts may be transferred back to that appropriation
17 and shall be available for the same purposes as originally
18 appropriated: *Provided further*, That before a transfer may
19 take place pursuant to this section, the Secretary of Vet-
20 erans Affairs must provide written notification of the
21 amount and purpose of the transfer to the Committees
22 on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

23 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

24 SEC. 230. Amounts made available for the Depart-
25 ment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2026, under the

1 “Board of Veterans Appeals” and the “General Operating
2 Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration” accounts
3 may be transferred between such accounts: *Provided*, That
4 before a transfer may take place, the Secretary of Vet-
5 erans Affairs shall request from the Committees on Appro-
6 priations of both Houses of Congress the authority to
7 make the transfer and receive approval of that request.

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

14 SEC. 232. (a) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
15 ensure that the toll-free suicide hotline under section
16 1720F(h) of title 38, United States Code—

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

20 (2) adheres to all requirements of the American
21 Association of Suicidology.

22 (b)(1) None of the funds made available by this Act
23 may be used to enforce or otherwise carry out any Execu-
24 tive action that prohibits the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
25 from appointing an individual to occupy a vacant civil

1 service position, or establishing a new civil service position,
2 at the Department of Veterans Affairs with respect to
3 such a position relating to the hotline specified in sub-
4 section (a).

5 (2) In this subsection—

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

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

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

13 (ii) any agency policy, order, or other di-
14 rective.

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

20 (2) At a minimum, the study required by paragraph
21 (1) shall—

22 (A) determine the number of veterans who con-
23 tact the hotline specified in subsection (a) and who
24 receive follow up services from the hotline or mental

1 health services from the Department of Veterans Af-
2 fairs thereafter;

3 (B) determine the number of veterans who con-
4 tact the hotline who are not referred to, or do not
5 continue receiving, mental health care who commit
6 suicide; and

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

9 SEC. 233. Effective during the period beginning on
10 October 1, 2018, and ending on January 1, 2027, none
11 of the funds made available to the Secretary of Veterans
12 Affairs by this or any other Act may be obligated or ex-
13 pended in contravention of the “Veterans Health Adminis-
14 tration Clinical Preventive Services Guidance Statement
15 on the Veterans Health Administration’s Screening for
16 Breast Cancer Guidance” published on May 10, 2017, as
17 issued by the Veterans Health Administration National
18 Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention.

19 SEC. 234. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision
20 of law, the amounts appropriated or otherwise made avail-
21 able to the Department of Veterans Affairs for the “Med-
22 ical Services” account may be used to provide—

23 (1) fertility counseling and treatment using as-
24 sisted reproductive technology to a covered veteran
25 or the spouse of a covered veteran; or

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

3 (b) In this section:

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

7 (2) The term “covered veteran” means a vet-
8 eran, as such term is defined in section 101 of title
9 38, United States Code, who has a service-connected
10 disability that results in the inability of the veteran
11 to procreate without the use of fertility treatment.

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

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

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

9 (4) The term “adoption reimbursement” means
10 reimbursement for the adoption-related expenses for
11 an adoption that is finalized after the date of the en-
12 actment of this Act under the same terms as apply
13 under the adoption reimbursement program of the
14 Department of Defense, as authorized in Depart-
15 ment of Defense Instruction 1341.09, including the
16 reimbursement limits and requirements set forth in
17 such instruction.

18 (c) Amounts made available for the purposes speci-
19 fied in subsection (a) of this section are subject to the
20 requirements for funds contained in section 508 of division
21 H of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public
22 Law 115–141).

23 SEC. 235. None of the funds appropriated or other-
24 wise made available by this Act or any other Act for the
25 Department of Veterans Affairs may be used in a manner

1 that is inconsistent with: (1) section 842 of the Transpor-
2 tation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, the
3 Judiciary, the District of Columbia, and Independent
4 Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 (Public Law 109–115;
5 119 Stat. 2506); or (2) section 8110(a)(5) of title 38,
6 United States Code.

7 SEC. 236. Section 842 of Public Law 109–115 shall
8 not apply to conversion of an activity or function of the
9 Veterans Health Administration, Veterans Benefits Ad-
10 ministration, or National Cemetery Administration to con-
11 tractor performance by a business concern that is at least
12 51 percent owned by one or more Indian Tribes as defined
13 in section 5304(e) of title 25, United States Code, or one
14 or more Native Hawaiian Organizations as defined in sec-
15 tion 637(a)(15) of title 15, United States Code.

16 SEC. 237. (a) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in
17 consultation with the Secretary of Defense and the Sec-
18 retary of Labor, shall discontinue collecting and using So-
19 cial Security account numbers to authenticate individuals
20 in all information systems of the Department of Veterans
21 Affairs for all individuals not later than September 30,
22 2026.

23 (b) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may collect and
24 use a Social Security account number to identify an indi-
25 vidual, in accordance with section 552a of title 5, United

1 States Code, in an information system of the Department
2 of Veterans Affairs if and only if the use of such number
3 is necessary to:

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

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

9 (3) perform anti-fraud activities; or

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

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

14 SEC. 238. For funds provided to the Department of
15 Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2026 and 2027
16 for “Medical Services”, section 239 of division A of Public
17 Law 114–223 shall apply.

18 SEC. 239. None of the funds appropriated in this or
19 prior appropriations Acts or otherwise made available to
20 the Department of Veterans Affairs may be used to trans-
21 fer any amounts from the Filipino Veterans Equity Com-
22 pensation Fund to any other account within the Depart-
23 ment of Veterans Affairs.

24 SEC. 240. Of the funds provided to the Department
25 of Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2026 and fiscal

1 year 2027 for “Medical Services”, funds may be used in
2 each year to carry out and expand the child care program
3 authorized by section 205 of Public Law 111–163, not-
4 withstanding subsection (e) of such section.

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

15 SEC. 242. For funds provided to the Department of
16 Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2026 and 2027,
17 section 258 of division A of Public Law 114–223 shall
18 apply.

19 SEC. 243. (a) None of the funds appropriated or oth-
20 erwise made available by this Act may be used to deny
21 an Inspector General funded under this Act timely access
22 to any records, documents, or other materials available to
23 the department or agency over which that Inspector Gen-
24 eral has responsibilities under the Inspector General Act
25 of 1978 (5 U.S.C. 401 et seq.), or to prevent or impede

1 the access of the Inspector General to such records, docu-
2 ments, or other materials, under any provision of law, ex-
3 cept a provision of law that expressly refers to such In-
4 spector General and expressly limits the right of access.

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

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

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

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

23 SEC. 245. None of the funds appropriated or other-
24 wise made available by this Act to the Veterans Health
25 Administration may be used in fiscal year 2026 to convert

1 any program which received specific purpose funds in fis-
2 cal year 2025 to a general purpose funded program unless
3 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs submits written notifica-
4 tion of any such proposal to the Committees on Appropria-
5 tions of both Houses of Congress at least 30 days prior
6 to any such action and an approval is issued by the Com-
7 mittees.

8 SEC. 246. For funds provided to the Department of
9 Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2026 and 2027,
10 section 248 of division A of Public Law 114–223 shall
11 apply.

12 SEC. 247. (a) None of the funds appropriated or oth-
13 erwise made available by this Act may be used to conduct
14 research commencing on or after July 1, 2025, that uses
15 any canine, feline, or non-human primate unless the Sec-
16 retary of Veterans Affairs approves such research specifi-
17 cally and in writing pursuant to subsection (b).

18 (b)(1) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may approve
19 the conduct of research commencing on or after July 1,
20 2025, using canines, felines, or non-human primates if the
21 Secretary certifies that—

22 (A) the scientific objectives of the research can
23 only be met by using such canines, felines, or non-
24 human primates and cannot be met using other ani-
25 mal models, in vitro models, computational models,

1 human clinical studies, or other research alter-
2 natives;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8 (5) the frequency and duration of such re-
9 search; and

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

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

16 (1) any research being conducted by the De-
17 partment of Veterans Affairs using canines, felines,
18 or non-human primates as of the date of the sub-
19 mittal of the report;

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

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

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

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

6 (e) Not later than December 31, 2025, and annually
7 thereafter, the Department of Veterans Affairs must sub-
8 mit to voluntary U.S. Department of Agriculture inspec-
9 tions of canine, feline, and non-human primate research
10 facilities.

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

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

20 (2) immediate corrective actions taken; and

21 (3) specific actions taken to prevent their recur-
22 rence.

23 (g) The Department shall implement a plan under
24 which the Secretary will eliminate the research conducted

1 using canines, felines, or non-human primates by not later
2 than September 20, 2026.

3 SEC. 248. (a) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may
4 use amounts appropriated or otherwise made available in
5 this title to ensure that the ratio of veterans to full-time
6 employment equivalents within any program of rehabilita-
7 tion conducted under chapter 31 of title 38, United States
8 Code, does not exceed 125 veterans to one full-time em-
9 ployment equivalent.

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

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

17 (2) recommendations for such action as the
18 Secretary considers necessary to reduce the veteran-
19 to-staff ratio for each such program.

20 SEC. 249. Amounts made available for the “Veterans
21 Health Administration, Medical Community Care” ac-
22 count in this or any other Act for fiscal years 2026 and
23 2027 may be used for expenses that would otherwise be
24 payable from the Veterans Choice Fund established by

1 section 802 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Account-
2 ability Act, as amended (38 U.S.C. 1701 note).

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

9 SEC. 251. Of the amounts made available for the De-
10 partment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2026, in this
11 or any other Act, under the “Veterans Health Administra-
12 tion—Medical Services”, “Veterans Health Administra-
13 tion—Medical Community Care”, “Veterans Health Ad-
14 ministration—Medical Support and Compliance”, “Vet-
15 erans Health Administration—Medical Facilities”, and
16 “Cost of War Toxic Exposures Fund” accounts,
17 \$1,429,181,000 shall be made available for gender-specific
18 care and programmatic efforts to deliver care for women
19 veterans; \$698,000,000 shall be made available for suicide
20 prevention outreach programs; \$3,500,000,000 shall be
21 made available for the Caregivers program; \$42,000,000
22 shall be made available for the National Center for Post-
23 Traumatic Stress Disorder; \$80,000,000 shall be made
24 available for the Neurology Centers of Excellence;
25 \$342,455,000 shall be made available for rural health

1 care; \$3,459,121,000 shall be made available for veterans'
2 homelessness programs; \$6,356,000,000 shall be made
3 available for telehealth for veterans; \$709,573,000 shall
4 be made available for opioid prevention and treatment pro-
5 grams; and, \$31,997,000 shall be made available for the
6 Intimate Partner Violence Assistance Program.

7 SEC. 252. Of the unobligated balances available in
8 fiscal year 2026 in the “Recurring Expenses Trans-
9 formational Fund” established in section 243 of division
10 J of Public Law 114–113, and in addition to any funds
11 otherwise made available for such purposes in this, prior,
12 or subsequent fiscal years, \$900,000,000 shall be available
13 for constructing, altering, extending, and improving med-
14 ical facilities of the Veterans Health Administration, in-
15 cluding all supporting activities and required contin-
16 gencies, during the period of availability of the Fund: *Pro-*
17 *vided*, That prior to obligation of any of the funds pro-
18 vided in this section, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
19 must provide a plan for the execution of the funds appro-
20 priated in this section to the Committees on Appropria-
21 tions of both Houses of Congress and such Committees
22 issue an approval, or absent a response, a period of 30
23 days has elapsed.

1 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

2 SEC. 253. Of the \$75,039,000,000 that became avail-
3 able on October 1, 2025, previously appropriated under
4 the heading “Veterans Health Administration—Medical
5 Services” in the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act,
6 2025 (division A of Public Law 119–4), \$2,030,000,000
7 shall be transferred to “Veterans Health Administration—
8 Medical Facilities”.

9 SEC. 254. Not later than 30 days after enactment
10 of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees
11 on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress an expendi-
12 ture plan for funds made available in this Act and any
13 available unobligated balances from prior Acts, including
14 the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 (Public Law 118–
15 5), for the Cost of War Toxic Exposures Fund: *Provided*,
16 That the budget resource categories supporting the Vet-
17 erans Health Administration shall be reported by the sub-
18 categories “Medical Services”, “Medical Community
19 Care”, “Medical Support and Compliance”, and “Medical
20 and Prosthetic Research”: *Provided further*, That not later
21 than 30 days after the end of each fiscal quarter, the Sec-
22 retary shall submit a quarterly report on the status of the
23 funds, including, at a minimum, an update on obligations
24 by program, project or activity.

1 SEC. 255. Any amounts transferred to the Secretary
2 and administered by a corporation referred to in section
3 7364(b) of title 38, United States Code, between October
4 1, 2017 and September 30, 2018 for purposes of carrying
5 out an order placed with the Department of Veterans Af-
6 fairs pursuant to section 1535 of title 31, United States
7 Code, that are available for obligation pursuant to section
8 7364(b)(1) of title 38, United States Code, are to remain
9 available for the liquidation of valid obligations incurred
10 by such corporation during the period of performance of
11 such order, provided that the Secretary of Veterans Af-
12 fairs determines that such amounts need to remain avail-
13 able for such liquidation.

14 SEC. 256. None of the funds in this or any other Act
15 may be used to close Department of Veterans Affairs hos-
16 pitals, domiciliaries, or clinics, conduct an environmental
17 assessment, or to diminish healthcare services at existing
18 Veterans Health Administration medical facilities as part
19 of a planned realignment of services until the Secretary
20 provides to the Committees on Appropriations of both
21 Houses of Congress a report including an analysis of how
22 any such planned realignment of services will impact ac-
23 cess to care for veterans living in rural or highly rural
24 areas, including travel distances and transportation costs

1 to access a Department medical facility and availability
2 of local specialty and primary care.

3 SEC. 257. Unobligated balances available under the
4 headings “Construction, Major Projects” and “Construc-
5 tion, Minor Projects” may be obligated by the Secretary
6 of Veterans Affairs for a facility pursuant to section
7 2(e)(1) of the Communities Helping Invest through Prop-
8 erty and Improvements Needed for Veterans Act of 2016
9 (Public Law 114–294; 38 U.S.C. 8103 note), as amended,
10 to provide additional funds or to fund an escalation clause
11 under such section of such Act: *Provided*, That before such
12 unobligated balances are obligated pursuant to this sec-
13 tion, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall request from
14 the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-
15 gress the authority to obligate such unobligated balances
16 and such Committees issue an approval, or absent a re-
17 sponse, a period of 30 days has elapsed: *Provided further*,
18 That the request to obligate such unobligated balances
19 must provide Congress notice that the entity described in
20 section 2(a)(2) of Public Law 114–294, as amended, has
21 exhausted available cost containment approaches as set
22 forth in the agreement under section 2(c) of such Public
23 Law.

24 SEC. 258. (a) None of the funds appropriated by this
25 Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 for

1 the Department of Veterans Affairs may be obligated,
2 awarded, or expended to procure or purchase covered in-
3 formation technology equipment in cases where the manu-
4 facturer, bidder, or offeror, or any subsidiary or parent
5 entity of the manufacturer, bidder, or offeror, of the
6 equipment is an entity, or parent company of an entity
7 listed on any of the following:

8 (1) the Department of Defense's Chinese Mili-
9 tary Company List;

10 (2) the Department of the Treasury's Non-
11 SDN Chinese Military Industrial Complex Compa-
12 nies List;

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

16 (A) an agency or instrumentality of the
17 People's Republic of China;

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

20 (C) directly or indirectly owned or con-
21 trolled by an agency, instrumentality, or entity
22 described in subparagraph (A) or (B); or

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

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

6 (c) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the
7 term “covered information technology equipment” shall
8 mean the following equipment used in an office environ-
9 ment: computers, printers, or interoperable
10 videoconferencing equipment used in or by the Depart-
11 ment of Veterans Affairs directly. “Covered information
12 technology equipment” shall not refer to services that use
13 such equipment, including cloud services.

14 SEC. 259. During the period beginning on October
15 1, 2025 and ending on September 30, 2026, none of the
16 funds made available by this Act may be used to admin-
17 ister, implement, or enforce the final rule issued by the
18 Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to “Change in Rates
19 VA Pays for Special Modes of Transportation” (88 Fed.
20 Reg. 10032) and published on February 16, 2023.

21 SEC. 260. None of the funds appropriated or other-
22 wise made available by this Act may be used to pay award
23 or incentive fees for contractors whose performance has
24 been judged to be below satisfactory, behind schedule, over
25 budget, or has failed to meet the basic requirements of

1 a contract, unless the Agency determines that any such
2 deviations are due to unforeseeable events, government-
3 driven scope changes, or are not significant within the
4 overall scope of the project and/or program and unless
5 such awards or incentive fees are consistent with section
6 16.401(e)(2) of the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

7 SEC. 261. The Department is directed to maintain
8 staffing levels to facilitate the Department's own goals,
9 including that benefits claims are adjudicated according
10 to the 125 day goal, and that healthcare appointments and
11 service are provided in the timeframes required by statute
12 and regulation.

13 SEC. 262. The Department is directed to provide
14 quarterly briefings to the Committees on Appropriations
15 of both Houses of Congress on the status of implementa-
16 tion of the provisions in Public Law 118–42 related to
17 veterans in the Freely Associated States (FAS) in a way
18 that is consistent with Congressional intent, including en-
19 gagement with FAS governments, a projected timeline for
20 veterans in the FAS to receive hospital care and medical
21 services, and an estimate of the cost of implementation.

22 SEC. 263. None of the amounts appropriated by this
23 title may be obligated or expended to cancel a contract
24 with a value that exceeds \$10,000,000 until the Secretary
25 of Veterans Affairs has submitted to the Committees on

1 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress an advance no-
2 tification and written explanation of contingency plans to
3 replace the relevant service being cancelled, including any
4 necessary change in the Department's staffing levels.

5 SEC. 264. None of the funds made available by this
6 Act may be used to reduce the staffing, hours of operation,
7 or services of the Veterans Crisis Line or any other suicide
8 prevention program of the Department of Veterans Af-
9 fairs.

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, \$110,000,000, to remain available until ex-
17 pended.

18 FOREIGN CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS ACCOUNT

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

1 UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS

2 CLAIMS

3 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

4 For necessary expenses for the operation of the
5 United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims as
6 authorized by sections 7251 through 7298 of title 38,
7 United States Code, \$49,000,000, of which \$3,000,000
8 shall be available until September 30, 2027: *Provided*,
9 That \$4,256,000 shall be available for the purpose of pro-
10 viding financial assistance as described and in accordance
11 with the process and reporting procedures set forth under
12 this heading in Public Law 102–229.

13 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—CIVIL

14 CEMETERIAL EXPENSES, ARMY

15 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

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

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

3 ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME

4 TRUST FUND

5 For expenses necessary for the Armed Forces Retire-
6 ment Home to operate and maintain the Armed Forces
7 Retirement Home—Washington, District of Columbia,
8 and the Armed Forces Retirement Home—Gulfport, Mis-
9 sissippi, to be paid from funds available in the Armed
10 Forces Retirement Home Trust Fund, \$80,000,000, to re-
11 main available until September 30, 2027, of which
12 \$2,072,000 shall remain available until expended for con-
13 struction and renovation of the physical plants at the
14 Armed Forces Retirement Home—Washington, District of
15 Columbia, and the Armed Forces Retirement Home—
16 Gulfport, Mississippi: *Provided*, That of the amounts made
17 available under this heading from funds available in the
18 Armed Forces Retirement Home Trust Fund,
19 \$27,000,000 shall be paid from the general fund of the
20 Treasury to the Trust Fund.

21 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

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

1 TITLE IV

2 GENERAL PROVISIONS

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

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

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

19 SEC. 404. Unless stated otherwise, all reports and no-
20 tifications required by this Act shall be submitted to the
21 Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Af-
22 fairs, and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appro-
23 priations of the House of Representatives and the Sub-
24 committee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 the requesting Committee or Committees of Congress for
2 no less than 45 days.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 (2) is—

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

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

20 SEC. 413. None of the funds made available by this
21 Act may be used by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
22 under section 5502 of title 38, United States Code, in any
23 case arising out of the administration by the Secretary of
24 laws and benefits under such title, to report a person who
25 is deemed mentally incapacitated, mentally incompetent,

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

8 SEC. 414. None of the funds appropriated by this Act
9 may be used in any way, directly or indirectly, to influence
10 congressional action on any legislation or appropriation
11 matter pending before Congress, other than to commu-
12 nicate to Members of Congress as described in 18 U.S.C.
13 1913.

14 SEC. 415. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall en-
15 sure that the policies and requirements described in the
16 transmittal sheet of the Veterans Health Administration
17 published on August 8, 2019, titled “Smoke-Free Policy
18 for Employees at VA Health Care Facilities (VHA Direc-
19 tive 1085.01)” remain in effect.

20 SEC. 416. (a) Each department or agency funded in
21 this or any other appropriations Act for fiscal year 2026
22 shall, no later than 60 days after enactment of this Act,
23 report to the Committees on Appropriations of the House
24 of Representatives and the Senate on funds that are allot-
25 ted and available for obligation as of the end of the report-

1 ing period and on obligations as of the end of the reporting
2 period: *Provided*, That such report shall be delineated by:
3 (1) program, project, and activity level; (2) public law
4 making such funds available; and (3) period of availability:
5 *Provided further*, That such reports shall be transmitted
6 to the Committees monthly thereafter, on the fifteenth of
7 each such month, during the period of availability of the
8 relevant funds.

9 (b) The term “reporting period” as used in this sec-
10 tion means the month that precedes the date on which
11 the department or agency transmits the report to the
12 Committees.

13 This division may be cited as the “Military Construc-
14 tion, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropria-
15 tions Act, 2026”.