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**AN ACT**

Making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3 That the following sums are appropriated, out of any  
4 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for  
5 military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs,  
6 and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September  
7 30, 2024, and for other purposes, namely:

1 TITLE I  
2 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
3 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY  
4 For acquisition, construction, installation, and equip-  
5 ment of temporary or permanent public works, military  
6 installations, facilities, and real property for the Army as  
7 currently authorized by law, including personnel in the  
8 Army Corps of Engineers and other personal services nec-  
9 essary for the purposes of this appropriation, and for con-  
10 struction and operation of facilities in support of the func-  
11 tions of the Commander in Chief, \$1,517,455,000 (in-  
12 creased by \$103,000,000) (reduced by \$103,000,000), to  
13 remain available until September 30, 2028: *Provided,*  
14 That, of this amount, not to exceed \$345,775,000 shall  
15 be available for study, planning, design, architect and en-  
16 gineer services, and host nation support, as authorized by  
17 law, unless the Secretary of the Army determines that ad-  
18 ditional obligations are necessary for such purposes and  
19 notifies the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses  
20 of Congress of the determination and the reasons therefor:  
21 *Provided further,* That of the amount made available  
22 under this heading, \$162,900,000 shall be for the projects  
23 and activities, and in the amounts, specified in the table  
24 under the heading “Military Construction, Army” in the

1 report accompanying this Act, in addition to amounts oth-  
2 erwise available for such purposes.

3 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

4 For acquisition, construction, installation, and equip-  
5 ment of temporary or permanent public works, naval in-  
6 stallations, facilities, and real property for the Navy and  
7 Marine Corps as currently authorized by law, including  
8 personnel in the Naval Facilities Engineering Command  
9 and other personal services necessary for the purposes of  
10 this appropriation, \$4,477,961,000, to remain available  
11 until September 30, 2028: *Provided*, That, of this amount,  
12 not to exceed \$602,625,000 shall be available for study,  
13 planning, design, and architect and engineer services, as  
14 authorized by law, unless the Secretary of the Navy deter-  
15 mines that additional obligations are necessary for such  
16 purposes and notifies the Committees on Appropriations  
17 of both Houses of Congress of the determination and the  
18 reasons therefor: *Provided further*, That of the amount  
19 made available under this heading, \$52,683,000 shall be  
20 for the projects and activities, and in the amounts, speci-  
21 fied in the table under the heading “Military Construction,  
22 Navy and Marine Corps” in the report accompanying this  
23 Act, in addition to amounts otherwise available for such  
24 purposes.

## 1           MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

2           For acquisition, construction, installation, and equip-  
3 ment of temporary or permanent public works, military  
4 installations, facilities, and real property for the Air Force  
5 as currently authorized by law, \$2,439,614,000, to remain  
6 available until September 30, 2028: *Provided*, That, of this  
7 amount, not to exceed \$450,614,000 shall be available for  
8 study, planning, design, and architect and engineer serv-  
9 ices, as authorized by law, unless the Secretary of the Air  
10 Force determines that additional obligations are necessary  
11 for such purposes and notifies the Committees on Appro-  
12 priations of both Houses of Congress of the determination  
13 and the reasons therefor: *Provided further*, That of the  
14 amount made available under this heading, \$30,300,000  
15 shall be for the projects and activities, and in the amounts,  
16 specified in the table under the heading “Military Con-  
17 struction, Air Force” in the report accompanying this Act,  
18 in addition to amounts otherwise available for such pur-  
19 poses.

## 20           MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, DEFENSE-WIDE

21                   (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

22           For acquisition, construction, installation, and equip-  
23 ment of temporary or permanent public works, installa-  
24 tions, facilities, and real property for activities and agen-  
25 cies of the Department of Defense (other than the military

1 departments), as currently authorized by law,  
2 \$2,651,047,000, to remain available until September 30,  
3 2028: *Provided*, That such amounts of this appropriation  
4 as may be determined by the Secretary of Defense may  
5 be transferred to such appropriations of the Department  
6 of Defense available for military construction or family  
7 housing as the Secretary may designate, to be merged with  
8 and to be available for the same purposes, and for the  
9 same time period, as the appropriation or fund to which  
10 transferred: *Provided further*, That, of the amount, not to  
11 exceed \$304,045,000 shall be available for study, plan-  
12 ning, design, and architect and engineer services, as au-  
13 thorized by law, unless the Secretary of Defense deter-  
14 mines that additional obligations are necessary for such  
15 purposes and notifies the Committees on Appropriations  
16 of both Houses of Congress of the determination and the  
17 reasons therefor.

18 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

19 For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-  
20 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-  
21 ministration of the Army National Guard, and contribu-  
22 tions therefor, as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10,  
23 United States Code, and Military Construction Authoriza-  
24 tion Acts, \$369,261,000, to remain available until Sep-  
25 tember 30, 2028: *Provided*, That, of the amount, not to

1 exceed \$42,361,000 shall be available for study, planning,  
2 design, and architect and engineer services, as authorized  
3 by law, unless the Director of the Army National Guard  
4 determines that additional obligations are necessary for  
5 such purposes and notifies the Committees on Appropria-  
6 tions of both Houses of Congress of the determination and  
7 the reasons therefor: *Provided further*, That of the amount  
8 made available under this heading, \$19,075,000 shall be  
9 for the projects and activities, and in the amounts, speci-  
10 fied in the table under the heading “Military Construction,  
11 Army National Guard” in the report accompanying this  
12 Act, in addition to amounts otherwise available for such  
13 purposes.

14       MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR NATIONAL GUARD

15       For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-  
16 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-  
17 ministration of the Air National Guard, and contributions  
18 therefor, as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10, United  
19 States Code, and Military Construction Authorization  
20 Acts, \$189,322,000, to remain available until September  
21 30, 2028: *Provided*, That, of the amount, not to exceed  
22 \$36,200,000 shall be available for study, planning, design,  
23 and architect and engineer services, as authorized by law,  
24 unless the Director of the Air National Guard determines  
25 that additional obligations are necessary for such purposes

1 and notifies the Committees on Appropriations of both  
2 Houses of Congress of the determination and the reasons  
3 therefor: *Provided further*, That of the amount made avail-  
4 able under this heading, \$600,000 shall be for the projects  
5 and activities, and in the amounts, specified in the table  
6 under the heading “Military Construction, Air National  
7 Guard” in the report accompanying this Act, in addition  
8 to amounts otherwise available for such purposes.

9           MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY RESERVE

10         For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-  
11 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-  
12 ministration of the Army Reserve as authorized by chapter  
13 1803 of title 10, United States Code, and Military Con-  
14 struction Authorization Acts, \$117,076,000, to remain  
15 available until September 30, 2028: *Provided*, That, of the  
16 amount, not to exceed \$23,389,000 shall be available for  
17 study, planning, design, and architect and engineer serv-  
18 ices, as authorized by law, unless the Chief of the Army  
19 Reserve determines that additional obligations are nec-  
20 essary for such purposes and notifies the Committees on  
21 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the deter-  
22 mination and the reasons therefor.

23           MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY RESERVE

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

1 ministration of the reserve components of the Navy and  
2 Marine Corps as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10,  
3 United States Code, and Military Construction Authoriza-  
4 tion Acts, \$61,291,000, to remain available until Sep-  
5 tember 30, 2028: *Provided*, That, of the amount, not to  
6 exceed \$6,495,000 shall be available for study, planning,  
7 design, and architect and engineer services, as authorized  
8 by law, unless the Secretary of the Navy determines that  
9 additional obligations are necessary for such purposes and  
10 notifies the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses  
11 of Congress of the determination and the reasons therefor.

12       MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE RESERVE

13       For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-  
14 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-  
15 ministration of the Air Force Reserve as authorized by  
16 chapter 1803 of title 10, United States Code, and Military  
17 Construction Authorization Acts, \$330,572,000, to remain  
18 available until September 30, 2028: *Provided*, That, of the  
19 amount, not to exceed \$12,146,000 shall be available for  
20 study, planning, design, and architect and engineer serv-  
21 ices, as authorized by law, unless the Chief of the Air  
22 Force Reserve determines that additional obligations are  
23 necessary for such purposes and notifies the Committees  
24 on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the de-  
25 termination and the reasons therefor: *Provided further*,



1 That of the amount made available under this heading,  
2 \$29,000,000 shall be for the projects and activities, and  
3 in the amounts, specified in the table under the heading  
4 “Military Construction, Air Force Reserve” in the report  
5 accompanying this Act, in addition to amounts otherwise  
6 available for such purposes.

7 NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION

8 SECURITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

9 For the United States share of the cost of the North  
10 Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Pro-  
11 gram for the acquisition and construction of military fa-  
12 cilities and installations (including international military  
13 headquarters) and for related expenses for the collective  
14 defense of the North Atlantic Treaty Area as authorized  
15 by section 2806 of title 10, United States Code, and Mili-  
16 tary Construction Authorization Acts, \$293,434,000, to  
17 remain available until expended.

18 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE ACCOUNT

19 For deposit into the Department of Defense Base  
20 Closure Account, established by section 2906(a) of the De-  
21 fense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (10  
22 U.S.C. 2687 note), \$539,174,000, to remain available  
23 until expended.

## 1           FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, ARMY

2           For expenses of family housing for the Army for con-  
3 struction, including acquisition, replacement, addition, ex-  
4 pansion, extension, and alteration, as authorized by law,  
5 \$304,895,000, to remain available until September 30,  
6 2028.

## 7           FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE,

## 8                           ARMY

9           For expenses of family housing for the Army for op-  
10 eration and maintenance, including debt payment, leasing,  
11 minor construction, principal and interest charges, and in-  
12 surance premiums, as authorized by law, \$395,485,000.

## 13          FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE

## 14                           CORPS

15          For expenses of family housing for the Navy and Ma-  
16 rine Corps for construction, including acquisition, replace-  
17 ment, addition, expansion, extension, and alteration, as  
18 authorized by law, \$277,142,000, to remain available until  
19 September 30, 2028.

## 20          FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE,

## 21                           NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

22          For expenses of family housing for the Navy and Ma-  
23 rine Corps for operation and maintenance, including debt  
24 payment, leasing, minor construction, principal and inter-

1 est charges, and insurance premiums, as authorized by  
2 law, \$373,854,000.

3 FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

4 For expenses of family housing for the Air Force for  
5 construction, including acquisition, replacement, addition,  
6 expansion, extension, and alteration, as authorized by law,  
7 \$237,097,000, to remain available until September 30,  
8 2028.

9 FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR  
10 FORCE

11 For expenses of family housing for the Air Force for  
12 operation and maintenance, including debt payment, leas-  
13 ing, minor construction, principal and interest charges,  
14 and insurance premiums, as authorized by law,  
15 \$324,386,000.

16 FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE,  
17 DEFENSE-WIDE

18 For expenses of family housing for the activities and  
19 agencies of the Department of Defense (other than the  
20 military departments) for operation and maintenance,  
21 leasing, and minor construction, as authorized by law,  
22 \$50,785,000.

1                   DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
2                   FAMILY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT FUND

3           For the Department of Defense Family Housing Im-  
4   provement Fund, \$6,611,000, to remain available until ex-  
5   pended, for family housing initiatives undertaken pursu-  
6   ant to section 2883 of title 10, United States Code, pro-  
7   viding alternative means of acquiring and improving mili-  
8   tary family housing and supporting facilities.

9                   DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
10           MILITARY UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING IMPROVEMENT  
11                   FUND

12           For the Department of Defense Military Unaccom-  
13   panied Housing Improvement Fund, \$496,000, to remain  
14   available until expended, for unaccompanied housing ini-  
15   tiatives undertaken pursuant to section 2883 of title 10,  
16   United States Code, providing alternative means of acquir-  
17   ing and improving military unaccompanied housing and  
18   supporting facilities.

19                   ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

20           SEC. 101. None of the funds made available in this  
21   title shall be expended for payments under a cost-plus-a-  
22   fixed-fee contract for construction, where cost estimates  
23   exceed \$25,000, to be performed within the United States,  
24   except Alaska, without the specific approval in writing of

1 the Secretary of Defense setting forth the reasons there-  
2 for.

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

6       SEC. 103. Funds made available in this title for con-  
7 struction may be used for advances to the Federal High-  
8 way Administration, Department of Transportation, for  
9 the construction of access roads as authorized by section  
10 210 of title 23, United States Code, when projects author-  
11 ized therein are certified as important to the national de-  
12 fense by the Secretary of Defense.

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

17       SEC. 105. None of the funds made available in this  
18 title shall be used for purchase of land or land easements  
19 in excess of 100 percent of the value as determined by  
20 the Army Corps of Engineers or the Naval Facilities Engi-  
21 neering Command, except: (1) where there is a determina-  
22 tion of value by a Federal court; (2) purchases negotiated  
23 by the Attorney General or the designee of the Attorney  
24 General; (3) where the estimated value is less than

1 \$25,000; or (4) as otherwise determined by the Secretary  
2 of Defense to be in the public interest.

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

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

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

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

23 SEC. 110. None of the funds made available in this  
24 title may be used to initiate a new installation overseas

1 without prior notification to the Committees on Appro-  
2 priations of both Houses of Congress.

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

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

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

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

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

19       SEC. 116. Notwithstanding any other provision of  
20 law, any funds made available to a military department  
21 or defense agency for the construction of military projects  
22 may be obligated for a military construction project or  
23 contract, or for any portion of such a project or contract,  
24 at any time before the end of the fourth fiscal year after  
25 the fiscal year for which funds for such project were made



1 available, if the funds obligated for such project: (1) are  
2 obligated from funds available for military construction  
3 projects; and (2) do not exceed the amount appropriated  
4 for such project, plus any amount by which the cost of  
5 such project is increased pursuant to law.

6 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

7 SEC. 117. Subject to 30 days prior notification, or  
8 14 days for a notification provided in an electronic me-  
9 dium pursuant to sections 480 and 2883 of title 10,  
10 United States Code, to the Committees on Appropriations  
11 of both Houses of Congress, such additional amounts as  
12 may be determined by the Secretary of Defense may be  
13 transferred to: (1) the Department of Defense Family  
14 Housing Improvement Fund from amounts appropriated  
15 for construction in “Family Housing” accounts, to be  
16 merged with and to be available for the same purposes  
17 and for the same period of time as amounts appropriated  
18 directly to the Fund; or (2) the Department of Defense  
19 Military Unaccompanied Housing Improvement Fund  
20 from amounts appropriated for construction of military  
21 unaccompanied housing in “Military Construction” ac-  
22 counts, to be merged with and to be available for the same  
23 purposes and for the same period of time as amounts ap-  
24 propriated directly to the Fund: *Provided*, That appropria-  
25 tions made available to the Funds shall be available to

1 cover the costs, as defined in section 502(5) of the Con-  
2 gressional Budget Act of 1974, of direct loans or loan  
3 guarantees issued by the Department of Defense pursuant  
4 to the provisions of subchapter IV of chapter 169 of title  
5 10, United States Code, pertaining to alternative means  
6 of acquiring and improving military family housing, mili-  
7 tary unaccompanied housing, and supporting facilities.

8 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

20 SEC. 119. Notwithstanding any other provision of  
21 law, funds made available in this title for operation and  
22 maintenance of family housing shall be the exclusive  
23 source of funds for repair and maintenance of all family  
24 housing units, including general or flag officer quarters:  
25 *Provided*, That not more than \$15,000 per unit may be

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

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

22 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

23 SEC. 121. During the 5-year period after appropria-  
24 tions available in this Act to the Department of Defense  
25 for military construction and family housing operation and

1 maintenance and construction have expired for obligation,  
2 upon a determination that such appropriations will not be  
3 necessary for the liquidation of obligations or for making  
4 authorized adjustments to such appropriations for obliga-  
5 tions incurred during the period of availability of such ap-  
6 propriations, unobligated balances of such appropriations  
7 may be transferred into the appropriation “Foreign Cur-  
8 rency Fluctuations, Construction, Defense”, to be merged  
9 with and to be available for the same time period and for  
10 the same purposes as the appropriation to which trans-  
11 ferred.

12       SEC. 122. Amounts appropriated or otherwise made  
13 available in an account funded under the headings in this  
14 title may be transferred among projects and activities  
15 within the account in accordance with the reprogramming  
16 guidelines for military construction and family housing  
17 construction contained in Department of Defense Finan-  
18 cial Management Regulation 7000.14–R, Volume 3, Chap-  
19 ter 7, of March 2011, as in effect on the date of enactment  
20 of this Act.

21       SEC. 123. None of the funds made available in this  
22 title may be obligated or expended for planning and design  
23 and construction of projects at Arlington National Ceme-  
24 tery.

1       SEC. 124. For an additional amount for the accounts  
2 and in the amounts specified, to remain available until  
3 September 30, 2028:

4           “Military Construction, Army”, \$47,700,000;

5           “Military Construction, Navy and Marine  
6 Corps”, \$689,409,000;

7           “Military Construction, Air Force”,  
8 \$148,300,000;

9           “Military Construction, Defense-Wide”,  
10 \$280,100,000;

11          “Military Construction, Army National Guard”,  
12 \$26,800,000;

13          “Military Construction, Air National Guard”,  
14 \$126,742,000;

15          “Military Construction, Army Reserve”,  
16 \$40,000,000;

17          “Military Construction, Air Force Reserve”,  
18 \$8,500,000; and

19          “Family Housing Construction, Air Force”,  
20 \$27,000,000:

21 *Provided*, That such funds may only be obligated to carry  
22 out construction projects identified in the respective mili-  
23 tary department’s unfunded priority list for fiscal year  
24 2024 submitted to Congress: *Provided further*, That such  
25 projects are subject to authorization prior to obligation

1 and expenditure of funds to carry out construction: *Pro-*  
2 *vided further*, That not later than 60 days after enactment  
3 of this Act, the Secretary of the military department con-  
4 cerned, or their designee, shall submit to the Committees  
5 on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress an expendi-  
6 ture plan for funds provided under this section.

7       SEC. 125. All amounts appropriated to the “Depart-  
8 ment of Defense—Military Construction, Army”, “De-  
9 partment of Defense—Military Construction, Navy and  
10 Marine Corps”, “Department of Defense—Military Con-  
11 struction, Air Force”, and “Department of Defense—Mili-  
12 tary Construction, Defense-Wide” accounts pursuant to  
13 the authorization of appropriations in a National Defense  
14 Authorization Act specified for fiscal year 2024 in the  
15 funding table in section 4601 of that Act shall be imme-  
16 diately available and allotted to contract for the full scope  
17 of authorized projects.

18       SEC. 126. Notwithstanding section 116 of this Act,  
19 funds made available in this Act or any available unobli-  
20 gated balances from prior appropriations Acts may be obli-  
21 gated before October 1, 2025, for fiscal year 2017, 2018,  
22 and 2019 military construction projects for which project  
23 authorization has not lapsed or for which authorization  
24 is extended for fiscal year 2024 by a National Defense  
25 Authorization Act: *Provided*, That no amounts may be ob-

1 ligated pursuant to this section from amounts that were  
2 designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement  
3 pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget or the  
4 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of  
5 1985.

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

14       SEC. 128. For an additional amount for the accounts  
15 and in the amounts specified for planning and design and  
16 for construction improvements to Department of Defense  
17 laboratory facilities, to remain available until September  
18 30, 2028:

19               “Military Construction, Army”, \$30,000,000;

20               “Military Construction, Navy and Marine  
21 Corps”, \$30,000,000; and

22               “Military Construction, Air Force”,  
23 \$30,000,000:

24 *Provided*, That not later than 60 days after enactment of  
25 this Act, the Secretary of the military department con-

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

9       SEC. 129. For an additional amount for “Military  
10 Construction, Air Force”, \$252,000,000, to remain avail-  
11 able until September 30, 2028, for expenses incurred as  
12 a result of natural disasters: *Provided*, That not later than  
13 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
14 retary of the Air Force, or their designee, shall submit  
15 to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of  
16 Congress an expenditure plan for funds provided under  
17 this section.

18       SEC. 130. For an additional amount for the accounts  
19 and in the amounts specified for planning and design, for  
20 child development centers, to remain available until Sep-  
21 tember 30, 2028:

22               “Military Construction, Army”, \$25,000,000  
23               (increased by \$25,000,000) (reduced by  
24               \$25,000,000);



1           “Military Construction, Navy and Marine  
2           Corps”, \$25,000,000 (increased by \$25,000,000)  
3           (reduced by \$25,000,000); and

4           “Military Construction, Air Force”,  
5           \$25,000,000 (increased by \$25,000,000) (reduced by  
6           \$25,000,000):

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

12         SEC. 131. For an additional amount for the accounts  
13 and amounts specified for planning and design, for bar-  
14 racks, to remain available until September 30, 2028:

15           “Military Construction Army”, \$65,000,000;

16           “Military Construction, Navy and Marine  
17           Corps”, \$65,000,000; and

18           “Military Construction, Air Force”,  
19           \$65,000,000:

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. 132. For an additional amount for the accounts  
2 and in the amounts specified for unspecified minor con-  
3 struction for demolition, to remain available until Sep-  
4 tember 30, 2028:

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

6           “Military Construction, Navy and Marine  
7 Corps”, \$15,000,000;

8           “Military Construction, Air Force”,  
9 \$15,000,000;

10          “Military Construction, Army National Guard”,  
11 \$15,000,000;

12          “Military Construction, Air National Guard”,  
13 \$15,000,000;

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

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

18          “Military Construction, Air Force Reserve”,  
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:

25 *Provided further*, That the Secretary of the military de-

1 department concerned may not obligate or expend any funds  
2 prior to approval by the Committees on Appropriations of  
3 both Houses of Congress of the expenditure plan required  
4 by this section.

5 SEC. 133. For an additional amount for the accounts  
6 and in the amounts specified, to remain available until  
7 September 30, 2028:

8 “Military Construction, Army”, \$122,210,000;

9 “Military Construction, Air Force”,  
10 \$90,400,000;

11 “Military Construction, Army National Guard”,  
12 \$134,881,000; and

13 “Military Construction, Army Reserve”,  
14 \$23,000,000:

15 *Provided*, That funds may only be obligated to carry out  
16 cost to complete projects identified in the respective mili-  
17 tary department’s unfunded priority list for fiscal year  
18 2024 submitted to Congress: *Provided further*, That such  
19 projects are subject to authorization prior to obligation  
20 and expenditure funds to carry out construction: *Provided*  
21 *further*, That not later than 60 days after enactment of  
22 this Act, the Secretary of the military department con-  
23 cerned, or their designee, shall submit to the Committees  
24 on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress an expendi-  
25 ture plan for funds under this section.

1        SEC. 134. For an additional amount for “Military  
2 Construction, Navy and Marine Corps”, \$50,000,000 to  
3 remain available until September 30, 2028, for planning  
4 and design for Shipyard Infrastructure Optimization Pro-  
5 gram construction: *Provided*, That not later than 60 days  
6 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
7 the Navy, or their designee, shall submit to the Commit-  
8 tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress an ex-  
9 penditure plan for funds provided under this section.

10        SEC. 135. None of the funds made available by this  
11 Act may be used to carry out the closure or realignment  
12 of the United States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay,  
13 Cuba.

14        SEC. 136. (a) None of the funds made available by  
15 this Act for the Department of the Air Force, or any other  
16 Department and Agency, may be obligated or expended  
17 for the construction or modification of facilities for tem-  
18 porary or permanent use by the United States Space Com-  
19 mand for headquarters operations unless, pursuant to sub-  
20 section (b), the preferred location for permanent head-  
21 quarters of the United States Space Command is selected  
22 or until the required report is submitted.

23        (b) In the event a permanent location for the head-  
24 quarters is selected other than the preferred location as  
25 identified by the Department of the Air Force in January

1 2021, the Secretary of the Air Force shall submit to the  
2 congressional appropriations committees a report on the  
3 rationale for the selection of a permanent location for the  
4 headquarters of the United States Space Command.

5 (c) Subsection (a) shall not apply to any repair nec-  
6 essary to maintain facilities to protect personnel or prop-  
7 erty.

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 \$4,655,879,000, which shall be in addition to funds pre-  
22 viously appropriated under this heading that become avail-  
23 able on October 1, 2023, to remain available until ex-  
24 pended; and, in addition, \$181,390,281,000, which shall  
25 become available on October 1, 2024, to remain available

1 until expended: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$22,109,000  
2 of the amount made available for fiscal year 2025 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, \$11,523,134,000,  
20 which shall become available on October 1, 2024, to re-  
21 main available until expended: *Provided*, That expenses for  
22 rehabilitation program services and assistance which the  
23 Secretary is authorized to provide under subsection (a) of  
24 section 3104 of title 38, United States Code, other than

1 under paragraphs (1), (2), (5), and (11) of that sub-  
2 section, shall be charged to this account.

3 VETERANS INSURANCE AND INDEMNITIES

4 For military and naval insurance, national service life  
5 insurance, servicemen's indemnities, service-disabled vet-  
6 erans insurance, and veterans mortgage life insurance as  
7 authorized by chapters 19 and 21 of title 38, United  
8 States Code, \$12,701,000, which shall be in addition to  
9 funds previously appropriated under this heading that be-  
10 come available on October 1, 2023, to remain available  
11 until expended; and in addition, \$135,119,422, which shall  
12 become available on October 1, 2024, to remain available  
13 until expended.

14 VETERANS HOUSING BENEFIT PROGRAM FUND

15 For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans, such  
16 sums as may be necessary to carry out the program, as  
17 authorized by subchapters I through III of chapter 37 of  
18 title 38, United States Code: *Provided*, That such costs,  
19 including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as de-  
20 fined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of  
21 1974: *Provided further*, That, during fiscal year 2024,  
22 within the resources available, not to exceed \$500,000 in  
23 gross obligations for direct loans are authorized for spe-  
24 cially adapted housing loans.



1       In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out  
2 the direct and guaranteed loan programs, \$316,742,419  
3 (increased by \$2,000,000) (reduced by \$2,000,000) (re-  
4 duced by \$1,000,000) (increased by \$1,000,000).

5 VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

6       For the cost of direct loans, \$78,337, as authorized  
7 by chapter 31 of title 38, United States Code: *Provided*,  
8 That such costs, including the cost of modifying such  
9 loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congres-  
10 sional Budget Act of 1974: *Provided further*, That funds  
11 made available under this heading are available to sub-  
12 sidize gross obligations for the principal amount of direct  
13 loans not to exceed \$2,026,000.

14       In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to  
15 carry out the direct loan program, \$460,698, which may  
16 be paid to the appropriation for “General Operating Ex-  
17 penses, Veterans Benefits Administration”.

18 NATIVE AMERICAN VETERAN HOUSING LOAN PROGRAM

19 ACCOUNT

20       For administrative expenses to carry out the direct  
21 loan program authorized by subchapter V of chapter 37  
22 of title 38, United States Code, \$2,718,546.

1 GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES, VETERANS BENEFITS  
2 ADMINISTRATION

3 For necessary operating expenses of the Veterans  
4 Benefits Administration, not otherwise provided for, in-  
5 cluding hire of passenger motor vehicles, reimbursement  
6 of the General Services Administration for security guard  
7 services, and reimbursement of the Department of De-  
8 fense for the cost of overseas employee mail,  
9 \$3,899,000,000 (reduced by \$1,000,000) (increased by  
10 \$1,000,000) (reduced by \$1,000,000) (increased by  
11 \$1,000,000) (reduced by \$1,000,000) (increased by  
12 \$1,000,000) (increased by \$10,000,000)(reduced by  
13 \$10,000,000): *Provided*, That expenses for services and  
14 assistance authorized under paragraphs (1), (2), (5), and  
15 (11) of section 3104(a) of title 38, United States Code,  
16 that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs determines are nec-  
17 essary to enable entitled veterans: (1) to the maximum ex-  
18 tent feasible, to become employable and to obtain and  
19 maintain suitable employment; or (2) to achieve maximum  
20 independence in daily living, shall be charged to this ac-  
21 count: *Provided further*, That, of the funds made available  
22 under this heading, not to exceed 10 percent shall remain  
23 available until September 30, 2025.

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; \$71,000,000,000 (reduced  
24 by \$10,000,000) (increased by \$10,000,000) (reduced by  
25 \$2,000,000) (increased by \$2,000,000) (increased by

1 \$10,000,000) (reduced by \$10,000,000) (reduced by  
2 \$5,000,000) (increased by \$5,000,000) (reduced by  
3 \$1,000,000) (increased by \$1,000,000) (reduced by  
4 \$10,000,000) (increased by \$10,000,000) (reduced by  
5 \$2,000,000) (increased by \$2,000,000) (reduced by  
6 \$1,000,000) (increased by \$1,000,000) (reduced by  
7 \$10,000,000) (increased by \$10,000,000) (increased by  
8 \$1,000,000) (reduced by \$1,000,000), plus reimburse-  
9 ments, shall become available on October 1, 2024, and  
10 shall remain available until September 30, 2025: *Provided*,  
11 That, of the amount made available on October 1, 2024,  
12 under this heading, \$2,000,000,000 shall remain available  
13 until September 30, 2026: *Provided further*, That, not-  
14 withstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of  
15 Veterans Affairs shall establish a priority for the provision  
16 of medical treatment for veterans who have service-con-  
17 nected disabilities, lower income, or have special needs:  
18 *Provided further*, That, notwithstanding any other provi-  
19 sion of law, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall give  
20 priority funding for the provision of basic medical benefits  
21 to veterans in enrollment priority groups 1 through 6: *Pro-*  
22 *vided further*, That, notwithstanding any other provision  
23 of law, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs may authorize  
24 the dispensing of prescription drugs from Veterans Health  
25 Administration facilities to enrolled veterans with privately

1 written prescriptions based on requirements established by  
2 the Secretary: *Provided further*, That the implementation  
3 of the program described in the previous proviso shall  
4 incur no additional cost to the Department of Veterans  
5 Affairs: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of Veterans  
6 Affairs shall ensure that sufficient amounts appropriated  
7 under this heading for medical supplies and equipment are  
8 available for the acquisition of prosthetics designed specifi-  
9 cally for female veterans: *Provided further*, That nothing  
10 in section 2044(e)(1) of title 38, United States Code, may  
11 be construed as limiting amounts that may be made avail-  
12 able under this heading for fiscal years 2024 and 2025  
13 in this or prior Acts.

14 MEDICAL COMMUNITY CARE

15 For necessary expenses for furnishing health care to  
16 individuals pursuant to chapter 17 of title 38, United  
17 States Code, at non-Department facilities,  
18 \$20,382,000,000 (reduced by \$1,000,000) (increased by  
19 \$1,000,000), plus reimbursements, shall become available  
20 on October 1, 2024, and shall remain available until Sep-  
21 tember 30, 2025: *Provided*, That, of the amount made  
22 available on October 1, 2024, under this heading,  
23 \$2,000,000,000 shall remain available until September 30,  
24 2026.

## 1 MEDICAL SUPPORT AND COMPLIANCE

2 For necessary expenses in the administration of the  
3 medical, hospital, nursing home, domiciliary, construction,  
4 supply, and research activities, as authorized by law; ad-  
5 ministrative expenses in support of capital policy activi-  
6 ties; and administrative and legal expenses of the Depart-  
7 ment for collecting and recovering amounts owed the De-  
8 partment as authorized under chapter 17 of title 38,  
9 United States Code, and the Federal Medical Care Recov-  
10 ery Act (42 U.S.C. 2651 et seq.), \$11,800,000,000 (re-  
11 duced by \$1,000,000) (increased by \$1,000,000), plus re-  
12 imbursements, shall become available on October 1, 2024,  
13 and shall remain available until September 30, 2025: *Pro-*  
14 *vided*, That, of the amount made available on October 1,  
15 2024, under this heading, \$350,000,000 shall remain  
16 available until September 30, 2026.

## 17 MEDICAL FACILITIES

18 For necessary expenses for the maintenance and op-  
19 eration of hospitals, nursing homes, domiciliary facilities,  
20 and other necessary facilities of the Veterans Health Ad-  
21 ministration; for administrative expenses in support of  
22 planning, design, project management, real property ac-  
23 quisition and disposition, construction, and renovation of  
24 any facility under the jurisdiction or for the use of the  
25 Department; for oversight, engineering, and architectural

1 activities not charged to project costs; for repairing, alter-  
2 ing, improving, or providing facilities in the several hos-  
3 pitals and homes under the jurisdiction of the Depart-  
4 ment, not otherwise provided for, either by contract or by  
5 the hire of temporary employees and purchase of mate-  
6 rials; for leases of facilities; and for laundry services;  
7 \$9,400,000,000, plus reimbursements, shall become avail-  
8 able on October 1, 2024, and shall remain available until  
9 September 30, 2025: *Provided*, That, of the amount made  
10 available on October 1, 2024, under this heading,  
11 \$500,000,000 shall remain available until September 30,  
12 2026.

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 \$938,000,000 (increased by \$3,000,000) (reduced by  
18 \$20,000,000) (increased by \$20,000,000), plus reimburse-  
19 ments, shall remain available until September 30, 2025:  
20 *Provided*, That the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall en-  
21 sure that sufficient amounts appropriated under this  
22 heading are available for prosthetic research specifically  
23 for female veterans, and for toxic exposure research.

## 1 NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION

2 For necessary expenses of the National Cemetery Ad-  
3 ministration for operations and maintenance, not other-  
4 wise provided for, including uniforms or allowances there-  
5 for; cemeterial expenses as authorized by law; purchase  
6 of one passenger motor vehicle for use in cemeterial oper-  
7 ations; hire of passenger motor vehicles; and repair, alter-  
8 ation or improvement of facilities under the jurisdiction  
9 of the National Cemetery Administration, \$480,000,000  
10 (increased by \$2,000,000), of which not to exceed 10 per-  
11 cent shall remain available until September 30, 2025.

## 12 DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

## 13 GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

## 14 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

15 For necessary operating expenses of the Department  
16 of Veterans Affairs, not otherwise provided for, including  
17 administrative expenses in support of Department-wide  
18 capital planning, management and policy activities, uni-  
19 forms, or allowances therefor; not to exceed \$25,000 for  
20 official reception and representation expenses; hire of pas-  
21 senger motor vehicles; and reimbursement of the General  
22 Services Administration for security guard services,  
23 \$475,000,000 (reduced by \$5,500,000) (reduced by  
24 \$3,500,000) (reduced by \$3,500,000) (reduced by  
25 \$3,500,000) (reduced by \$3,500,000) (reduced by



1 \$1,000,000) (increased by \$1,000,000) (reduced by  
2 \$5,000,000), of which not to exceed 10 percent shall re-  
3 main available until September 30, 2025: *Provided*, That  
4 funds provided under this heading may be transferred to  
5 “General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Adminis-  
6 tration”.

7 BOARD OF VETERANS APPEALS

8 For necessary operating expenses of the Board of  
9 Veterans Appeals, \$287,000,000 (increased by  
10 \$2,000,000) of which not to exceed 10 percent shall re-  
11 main available until September 30, 2025.

12 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS

13 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

14 For necessary expenses for information technology  
15 systems and telecommunications support, including devel-  
16 opmental information systems and operational information  
17 systems; for pay and associated costs; and for the capital  
18 asset acquisition of information technology systems, in-  
19 cluding management and related contractual costs of said  
20 acquisitions, including contractual costs associated with  
21 operations authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United  
22 States Code, \$6,401,000,000 (reduced by \$5,000,000),  
23 plus reimbursements: *Provided*, That \$1,606,977,000 (re-  
24 duced by \$5,000,000) shall be for pay and associated  
25 costs, of which not to exceed 3 percent shall remain avail-

1 able until September 30, 2025: *Provided further*, That  
2 \$4,668,373,000 shall be for operations and maintenance,  
3 of which not to exceed 5 percent shall remain available  
4 until September 30, 2025: *Provided further*, That  
5 \$125,650,000 shall be for information technology systems  
6 development, and shall remain available until September  
7 30, 2025: *Provided further*, That amounts made available  
8 for salaries and expenses, operations and maintenance,  
9 and information technology systems development may be  
10 transferred among the three subaccounts after the Sec-  
11 retary of Veterans Affairs requests from the Committees  
12 on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress the author-  
13 ity to make the transfer and an approval is issued: *Pro-*  
14 *vided further*, That amounts made available for the “Infor-  
15 mation Technology Systems” account for development  
16 may be transferred among projects or to newly defined  
17 projects: *Provided further*, That no project may be in-  
18 creased or decreased by more than \$3,000,000 of cost  
19 prior to submitting a request to the Committees on Appro-  
20 priations of both Houses of Congress to make the transfer  
21 and an approval is issued, or absent a response, a period  
22 of 30 days has elapsed: *Provided further*, That the funds  
23 made available under this heading for information tech-  
24 nology systems development shall be for the projects, and  
25 in the amounts, specified in the table entitled “Informa-

1 tion Technology Development Projects” under this head-  
2 ing in the report accompanying this Act.

3 VETERANS ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD

4 For activities related to implementation, preparation,  
5 development, interface, management, rollout, and mainte-  
6 nance of a Veterans Electronic Health Record system, in-  
7 cluding contractual costs associated with operations au-  
8 thorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code,  
9 and salaries and expenses of employees hired under titles  
10 5 and 38, United States Code, \$1,863,000,000 (reduced  
11 by \$1,000,000) (increased by \$1,000,000), to remain  
12 available until September 30, 2026: *Provided*, That the  
13 Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Commit-  
14 tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress quar-  
15 terly reports detailing obligations, expenditures, and de-  
16 ployment implementation by facility, including any  
17 changes from the deployment plan or schedule: *Provided*  
18 *further*, That the funds provided in this account shall only  
19 be available to the Office of the Deputy Secretary, to be  
20 administered by that Office: *Provided further*, That 25  
21 percent of the funds made available under this heading  
22 shall not be available until July 1, 2024, and are contin-  
23 gent upon the Secretary of Veterans Affairs—

24 (1) providing the Committees on Appropriations  
25 a report detailing the status of outstanding issues

1 impacting the stability and usability of the new elec-  
2 tronic health record system, including those that  
3 contributed to the October 13, 2022, deployment  
4 delay, along with a timeline and measurable metrics  
5 to resolve issues, no later than 60 days after enact-  
6 ment of this Act;

7 (2) certifying and detailing any changes to the  
8 full deployment schedule, no later than 60 days prior  
9 to July 1, 2024; and

10 (3) certifying in writing no later than 30 days  
11 prior to July 1, 2024, the following—

12 (A) the status of issues included in the re-  
13 port referenced in paragraph (1), including  
14 issues that have not been closed but have been  
15 suitably resolved or mitigated in a manner that  
16 will enhance provider productivity and minimize  
17 the potential for patient harm; and

18 (B) whether the system is stable, ready,  
19 and optimized for further deployment at VA  
20 sites.

21 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

22 For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector  
23 General, to include information technology, in carrying out  
24 the provisions of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5

1 U.S.C. App.), \$296,000,000, of which not to exceed 10  
2 percent shall remain available until September 30, 2025.

3 CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR PROJECTS

4 For constructing, altering, extending, and improving  
5 any of the facilities, including parking projects, under the  
6 jurisdiction or for the use of the Department of Veterans  
7 Affairs, or for any of the purposes set forth in sections  
8 316, 2404, 2406 and chapter 81 of title 38, United States  
9 Code, not otherwise provided for, including planning, ar-  
10 chitectural and engineering services, construction manage-  
11 ment services, maintenance or guarantee period services  
12 costs associated with equipment guarantees provided  
13 under the project, services of claims analysts, offsite utility  
14 and storm drainage system construction costs, and site ac-  
15 quisition, where the estimated cost of a project is more  
16 than the amount set forth in section 8104(a)(3)(A) of title  
17 38, United States Code, or where funds for a project were  
18 made available in a previous major project appropriation,  
19 \$881,000,000, of which \$373,096,000 shall remain avail-  
20 able until September 30, 2028, and of which  
21 \$507,904,000 shall remain available until expended, of  
22 which \$110,000,000 shall be available for seismic improve-  
23 ment projects and seismic program management activities,  
24 including for projects that would otherwise be funded by  
25 the Construction, Minor Projects, Medical Facilities or

1 National Cemetery Administration accounts: *Provided*,  
2 That except for advance planning activities, including  
3 needs assessments which may or may not lead to capital  
4 investments, and other capital asset management related  
5 activities, including portfolio development and manage-  
6 ment activities, and planning, cost estimating, and design  
7 for major medical facility projects and major medical facil-  
8 ity leases and investment strategy studies funded through  
9 the advance planning fund and the planning and design  
10 activities funded through the design fund, staffing ex-  
11 penses, and funds provided for the purchase, security, and  
12 maintenance of land for the National Cemetery Adminis-  
13 tration through the land acquisition line item, none of the  
14 funds made available under this heading shall be used for  
15 any project that has not been notified to Congress through  
16 the budgetary process or that has not been approved by  
17 the Congress through statute, joint resolution, or in the  
18 explanatory statement accompanying such Act and pre-  
19 sented to the President at the time of enrollment: *Provided*  
20 *further*, That such sums as may be necessary shall be  
21 available to reimburse the “General Administration” ac-  
22 count for payment of salaries and expenses of all Office  
23 of Construction and Facilities Management employees to  
24 support the full range of capital infrastructure services  
25 provided, including minor construction and leasing serv-

1 ices: *Provided further*, That funds made available under  
2 this heading for fiscal year 2024, for each approved  
3 project shall be obligated: (1) by the awarding of a con-  
4 struction documents contract by September 30, 2024; and  
5 (2) by the awarding of a construction contract by Sep-  
6 tember 30, 2025: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of  
7 Veterans Affairs shall promptly submit to the Committees  
8 on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a written  
9 report on any approved major construction project for  
10 which obligations are not incurred within the time limita-  
11 tions established above: *Provided further*, That notwith-  
12 standing the requirements of section 8104(a) of title 38,  
13 United States Code, amounts made available under this  
14 heading for seismic improvement projects and seismic pro-  
15 gram management activities shall be available for the com-  
16 pletion of both new and existing seismic projects of the  
17 Department.

18 CONSTRUCTION, MINOR PROJECTS

19 For constructing, altering, extending, and improving  
20 any of the facilities, including parking projects, under the  
21 jurisdiction or for the use of the Department of Veterans  
22 Affairs, including planning and assessments of needs  
23 which may lead to capital investments, architectural and  
24 engineering services, maintenance or guarantee period  
25 services costs associated with equipment guarantees pro-

1 vided under the project, services of claims analysts, offsite  
2 utility and storm drainage system construction costs, and  
3 site acquisition, or for any of the purposes set forth in  
4 sections 316, 2404, 2406 and chapter 81 of title 38,  
5 United States Code, not otherwise provided for, where the  
6 estimated cost of a project is equal to or less than the  
7 amount set forth in section 8104(a)(3)(A) of title 38,  
8 United States Code, \$680,000,000, of which  
9 \$612,000,000 shall remain available until September 30,  
10 2028, and of which \$68,000,000 shall remain available  
11 until expended, along with unobligated balances of pre-  
12 vious “Construction, Minor Projects” appropriations  
13 which are hereby made available for any project where the  
14 estimated cost is equal to or less than the amount set forth  
15 in such section: *Provided*, That funds made available  
16 under this heading shall be for: (1) repairs to any of the  
17 nonmedical facilities under the jurisdiction or for the use  
18 of the Department which are necessary because of loss or  
19 damage caused by any natural disaster or catastrophe;  
20 and (2) temporary measures necessary to prevent or to  
21 minimize further loss by such causes.

22 GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STATE EXTENDED CARE  
23 FACILITIES

24 For grants to assist States to acquire or construct  
25 State nursing home and domiciliary facilities and to re-



1 model, modify, or alter existing hospital, nursing home,  
2 and domiciliary facilities in State homes, for furnishing  
3 care to veterans as authorized by sections 8131 through  
4 8137 of title 38, United States Code, \$164,000,000 (in-  
5 creased by \$2,000,000) (increased by \$5,000,000) (in-  
6 creased by \$5,000,000), to remain available until ex-  
7 pended.

8 GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF VETERANS CEMETERIES

9 For grants to assist States and tribal organizations  
10 in establishing, expanding, or improving veterans ceme-  
11 teries as authorized by section 2408 of title 38, United  
12 States Code, \$60,000,000 (increased by \$2,000,000), to  
13 remain available until expended.

14 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

15 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

16 SEC. 201. Any appropriation for fiscal year 2024 for  
17 “Compensation and Pensions”, “Readjustment Benefits”,  
18 and “Veterans Insurance and Indemnities” may be trans-  
19 ferred as necessary to any other of the mentioned appro-  
20 priations: *Provided*, That, before a transfer may take  
21 place, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall request from  
22 the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-  
23 gress the authority to make the transfer and such Com-  
24 mittees issue an approval, or absent a response, a period  
25 of 30 days has elapsed.

1 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

2 SEC. 202. Amounts made available for the Depart-  
3 ment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2024, in this or  
4 any other Act, under the “Medical Services”, “Medical  
5 Community Care”, “Medical Support and Compliance”,  
6 and “Medical Facilities” accounts may be transferred  
7 among the accounts: *Provided*, That any transfers among  
8 the “Medical Services”, “Medical Community Care”, and  
9 “Medical Support and Compliance” accounts of 1 percent  
10 or less of the total amount appropriated to the account  
11 in this or any other Act may take place subject to notifica-  
12 tion from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to the Com-  
13 mittees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of  
14 the amount and purpose of the transfer: *Provided further*,  
15 That any transfers among the “Medical Services”, “Med-  
16 ical Community Care”, and “Medical Support and Compli-  
17 ance” accounts in excess of 1 percent, or exceeding the  
18 cumulative 1 percent for the fiscal year, may take place  
19 only after the Secretary requests from the Committees on  
20 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress the authority  
21 to make the transfer and an approval is issued: *Provided*  
22 *further*, That any transfers to or from the “Medical Facili-  
23 ties” account may take place only after the Secretary re-  
24 quests from the Committees on Appropriations of both

1 Houses of Congress the authority to make the transfer  
2 and an approval is issued.

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

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

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

1        SEC. 206. Appropriations available in this title for  
2 “Compensation and Pensions”, “Readjustment Benefits”,  
3 and “Veterans Insurance and Indemnities” shall be avail-  
4 able for payment of prior year accrued obligations re-  
5 quired to be recorded by law against the corresponding  
6 prior year accounts within the last quarter of fiscal year  
7 2023.

8        SEC. 207. Appropriations available in this title shall  
9 be available to pay prior year obligations of corresponding  
10 prior year appropriations accounts resulting from sections  
11 3328(a), 3334, and 3712(a) of title 31, United States  
12 Code, except that if such obligations are from trust fund  
13 accounts they shall be payable only from “Compensation  
14 and Pensions”.

15                                    (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

16        SEC. 208. Notwithstanding any other provision of  
17 law, during fiscal year 2024, the Secretary of Veterans  
18 Affairs shall, from the National Service Life Insurance  
19 Fund under section 1920 of title 38, United States Code,  
20 the Veterans’ Special Life Insurance Fund under section  
21 1923 of title 38, United States Code, and the United  
22 States Government Life Insurance Fund under section  
23 1955 of title 38, United States Code, reimburse the “Gen-  
24 eral Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administra-  
25 tion” and “Information Technology Systems” accounts for

1 the cost of administration of the insurance programs fi-  
2 nanced through those accounts: *Provided*, That reimburse-  
3 ment shall be made only from the surplus earnings accu-  
4 mulated in such an insurance program during fiscal year  
5 2024 that are available for dividends in that program after  
6 claims have been paid and actuarially determined reserves  
7 have been set aside: *Provided further*, That if the cost of  
8 administration of such an insurance program exceeds the  
9 amount of surplus earnings accumulated in that program,  
10 reimbursement shall be made only to the extent of such  
11 surplus earnings: *Provided further*, That the Secretary  
12 shall determine the cost of administration for fiscal year  
13 2024 which is properly allocable to the provision of each  
14 such insurance program and to the provision of any total  
15 disability income insurance included in that insurance pro-  
16 gram.

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

22                                   (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

23       SEC. 210. Funds available in this title or funds for  
24 salaries and other administrative expenses shall also be  
25 available to reimburse the Office of Resolution Manage-

1 ment, Diversity and Inclusion, the Office of Employment  
2 Discrimination Complaint Adjudication, and the Alter-  
3 native Dispute Resolution function within the Office of  
4 Human Resources and Administration for all services pro-  
5 vided at rates which will recover actual costs but not to  
6 exceed \$86,481,000 for the Office of Resolution Manage-  
7 ment, Diversity and Inclusion, \$6,960,000 for the Office  
8 of Employment Discrimination Complaint Adjudication,  
9 and \$7,772,000 for the Alternative Dispute Resolution  
10 function within the Office of Human Resources and Ad-  
11 ministration: *Provided*, That payments may be made in  
12 advance for services to be furnished based on estimated  
13 costs: *Provided further*, That amounts received shall be  
14 credited to the “General Administration” and “Informa-  
15 tion Technology Systems” accounts for use by the office  
16 that provided the service.

17 SEC. 211. No funds of the Department of Veterans  
18 Affairs shall be available for hospital care, nursing home  
19 care, or medical services provided to any person under  
20 chapter 17 of title 38, United States Code, for a non-serv-  
21 ice-connected disability described in section 1729(a)(2) of  
22 such title, unless that person has disclosed to the Sec-  
23 retary of Veterans Affairs, in such form as the Secretary  
24 may require, current, accurate third-party reimbursement  
25 information for purposes of section 1729 of such title: *Pro-*

1 *vided*, That the Secretary may recover, in the same man-  
2 ner as any other debt due the United States, the reason-  
3 able charges for such care or services from any person who  
4 does not make such disclosure as required: *Provided fur-*  
5 *ther*, That any amounts so recovered for care or services  
6 provided in a prior fiscal year may be obligated by the  
7 Secretary during the fiscal year in which amounts are re-  
8 ceived.

9 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

21 SEC. 213. Amounts made available under “Medical  
22 Services” are available—

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

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

4                           (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

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

23                           (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

24          SEC. 216. Such sums as may be deposited into the  
25          Department of Veterans Affairs Capital Asset Fund pur-



1 suant to section 8118 of title 38, United States Code, may  
2 be transferred to the “Construction, Major Projects” and  
3 “Construction, Minor Projects” accounts, to remain avail-  
4 able until expended for the purposes of these accounts.

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

15 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

16 SEC. 218. Amounts made available under the “Med-  
17 ical Services”, “Medical Community Care”, “Medical Sup-  
18 port and Compliance”, “Medical Facilities”, “General Op-  
19 erating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration”,  
20 “Board of Veterans Appeals”, “General Administration”,  
21 and “National Cemetery Administration” accounts for fis-  
22 cal year 2024 may be transferred to or from the “Informa-  
23 tion Technology Systems” account: *Provided*, That such  
24 transfers may not result in a more than 10 percent aggre-  
25 gate increase in the total amount made available by this

1 Act for the “Information Technology Systems” account:  
2 *Provided further*, That, before a transfer may take place,  
3 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall request from the  
4 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress  
5 the authority to make the transfer and an approval is  
6 issued.

7 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

8 SEC. 219. Of the amounts appropriated to the De-  
9 partment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2024 for  
10 “Medical Services”, “Medical Community Care”, “Medical  
11 Support and Compliance”, “Medical Facilities”, “Con-  
12 struction, Minor Projects”, and “Information Technology  
13 Systems”, up to \$430,532,000, plus reimbursements, may  
14 be transferred to the Joint Department of Defense—De-  
15 partment of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstra-  
16 tion Fund, established by section 1704 of the National De-  
17 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law  
18 111–84; 123 Stat. 2571) and may be used for operation  
19 of the facilities designated as combined Federal medical  
20 facilities as described by section 706 of the Duncan Hun-  
21 ter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
22 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500): *Provided*,  
23 That additional funds may be transferred from accounts  
24 designated in this section to the Joint Department of De-  
25 fense—Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility

1 Demonstration Fund upon written notification by the Sec-  
2 retary of Veterans Affairs to the Committees on Appro-  
3 priations of both Houses of Congress: *Provided further*,  
4 That section 220 of title II of division J of Public Law  
5 117–328 is repealed.

6 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

7 SEC. 220. Of the amounts appropriated to the De-  
8 partment of Veterans Affairs which become available on  
9 October 1, 2024, for “Medical Services”, “Medical Com-  
10 munity Care”, “Medical Support and Compliance”, and  
11 “Medical Facilities”, up to \$456,547,000, plus reimburse-  
12 ments, may be transferred to the Joint Department of De-  
13 fense—Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility  
14 Demonstration Fund, established by section 1704 of the  
15 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010  
16 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 2571) and may be used  
17 for operation of the facilities designated as combined Fed-  
18 eral medical facilities as described by section 706 of the  
19 Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for  
20 Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500):  
21 *Provided*, That additional funds may be transferred from  
22 accounts designated in this section to the Joint Depart-  
23 ment of Defense—Department of Veterans Affairs Med-  
24 ical Facility Demonstration Fund upon written notifica-

1 tion by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to the Commit-  
2 tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

3 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

1 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

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

21 SEC. 224. None of the funds made available for  
22 “Construction, Major Projects” may be used for a project  
23 in excess of the scope specified for that project in the origi-  
24 nal justification data provided to the Congress as part of  
25 the request for appropriations unless the Secretary of Vet-

1 erans Affairs receives approval from the Committees on  
2 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

3       SEC. 225. Not later than 30 days after the end of  
4 each fiscal quarter, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall  
5 submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both  
6 Houses of Congress a quarterly report containing perform-  
7 ance measures and data from each Veterans Benefits Ad-  
8 ministration Regional Office: *Provided*, That, at a min-  
9 imum, the report shall include the direction contained in  
10 the section entitled “Disability claims backlog”, under the  
11 heading “General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits  
12 Administration” in the joint explanatory statement accom-  
13 panying Public Law 114–223: *Provided further*, That the  
14 report shall also include information on the number of ap-  
15 peals pending at the Veterans Benefits Administration as  
16 well as the Board of Veterans Appeals on a quarterly  
17 basis.

18       SEC. 226. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall  
19 provide written notification to the Committees on Appro-  
20 priations of both Houses of Congress 15 days prior to or-  
21 ganizational changes which result in the transfer of 25 or  
22 more full-time equivalents from one organizational unit of  
23 the Department of Veterans Affairs to another.

24       SEC. 227. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall  
25 provide on a quarterly basis to the Committees on Appro-

1 priations of both Houses of Congress notification of any  
2 single national outreach and awareness marketing cam-  
3 paign in which obligations exceed \$1,000,000.

4 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

5 SEC. 228. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, upon  
6 determination that such action is necessary to address  
7 needs of the Veterans Health Administration, may trans-  
8 fer to the “Medical Services” account any discretionary  
9 appropriations made available for fiscal year 2024 in this  
10 title (except appropriations made to the “General Oper-  
11 ating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration” ac-  
12 count) or any discretionary unobligated balances within  
13 the Department of Veterans Affairs, including those ap-  
14 propriated for fiscal year 2024, that were provided in ad-  
15 vance by appropriations Acts: *Provided*, That transfers  
16 shall be made only with the approval of the Office of Man-  
17 agement and Budget: *Provided further*, That the transfer  
18 authority provided in this section is in addition to any  
19 other transfer authority provided by law: *Provided further*,  
20 That no amounts may be transferred from amounts that  
21 were designated by Congress as an emergency requirement  
22 pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget or the  
23 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of  
24 1985: *Provided further*, That such authority to transfer  
25 may not be used unless for higher priority items, based

1 on emergent healthcare requirements, than those for  
2 which originally appropriated and in no case where the  
3 item for which funds are requested has been denied by  
4 Congress: *Provided further*, That, upon determination that  
5 all or part of the funds transferred from an appropriation  
6 are not necessary, such amounts may be transferred back  
7 to that appropriation and shall be available for the same  
8 purposes as originally appropriated: *Provided further*,  
9 That before a transfer may take place, the Secretary of  
10 Veterans Affairs shall request from the Committees on  
11 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress the authority  
12 to make the transfer and receive approval of that request.

13 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

14 SEC. 229. Amounts made available for the Depart-  
15 ment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2024, under the  
16 “Board of Veterans Appeals” and the “General Operating  
17 Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration” accounts  
18 may be transferred between such accounts: *Provided*, That  
19 before a transfer may take place, the Secretary of Vet-  
20 erans Affairs shall request from the Committees on Appro-  
21 priations of both Houses of Congress the authority to  
22 make the transfer and receive approval of that request.

23 SEC. 230. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may not  
24 reprogram funds among major construction projects or  
25 programs if such instance of reprogramming will exceed



1 \$7,000,000, unless such reprogramming is approved by  
2 the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-  
3 gress.

4 SEC. 231. (a) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall  
5 ensure that the toll-free suicide hotline under section  
6 1720F(h) of title 38, United States Code—

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

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

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

20 (2) In this subsection—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 SEC. 232. Effective during the period beginning on  
25 October 1, 2018, and ending on January 1, 2025, none

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

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

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

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

18 (b) In this section:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8       SEC. 236. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b),  
9 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in consultation with the  
10 Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Labor, shall dis-  
11 continue using Social Security account numbers to identify  
12 individuals in all information systems of the Department  
13 of Veterans Affairs as follows:

14           (1) For all veterans submitting to the Secretary  
15 of Veterans Affairs new claims for benefits under  
16 laws administered by the Secretary, not later than  
17 September 30, 2024.

18           (2) For all individuals not described in para-  
19 graph (1), not later than March 23, 2026.

20       (b) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may use a So-  
21 cial Security account number to identify an individual in  
22 an information system of the Department of Veterans Af-  
23 fairs if and only if the use of such number is required  
24 to obtain information the Secretary requires from an in-

1 formation system that is not under the jurisdiction of the  
2 Secretary.

3 (c) The matter in subsections (a) and (b) shall super-  
4 sede section 238 of division F of Public Law 116–94.

5 SEC. 237. For funds provided to the Department of  
6 Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2024 and 2025  
7 for “Medical Services”, section 239 of division A of Public  
8 Law 114–223 shall apply.

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

15 SEC. 239. Of the funds provided to the Department  
16 of Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2024 and fiscal  
17 year 2025 for “Medical Services”, funds may be used in  
18 each year to carry out and expand the child care program  
19 authorized by section 205 of Public Law 111–163, not-  
20 withstanding subsection (e) of such section.

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

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

6 SEC. 241. For funds provided to the Department of  
7 Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2024 and 2025,  
8 section 258 of division A of Public Law 114–223 shall  
9 apply.

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

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

24 (c) Each Inspector General shall ensure compliance  
25 with statutory limitations on disclosure relevant to the in-



1 formation provided by the establishment over which that  
2 Inspector General has responsibilities under the Inspector  
3 General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.).

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

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

14 SEC. 244. None of the funds appropriated or other-  
15 wise made available by this Act to the Veterans Health  
16 Administration may be used in fiscal year 2024 to convert  
17 any program which received specific purpose funds in fis-  
18 cal year 2023 to a general purpose funded program unless  
19 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs submits written notifica-  
20 tion of any such proposal to the Committees on Appropria-  
21 tions of both Houses of Congress at least 30 days prior  
22 to any such action and an approval is issued by the Com-  
23 mittees.

24 SEC. 245. For funds provided to the Department of  
25 Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2024 and 2025,

1 section 248 of division A of Public Law 114–223 shall  
2 apply.

3 SEC. 246. (a) None of the funds appropriated or oth-  
4 erwise made available by this Act may be used to conduct  
5 research commencing on or after October 1, 2019, that  
6 uses any canine, feline, or non-human primate unless the  
7 Secretary of Veterans Affairs approves such research spe-  
8 cifically and in writing pursuant to subsection (b).

9 (b)(1) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may approve  
10 the conduct of research commencing on or after October  
11 1, 2019, using canines, felines, or non-human primates if  
12 the Secretary determines that—

13 (A) the scientific objectives of the research can  
14 only be met by using such canines, felines, or non-  
15 human primates;

16 (B) such scientific objectives are directly related  
17 to an illness or injury that is combat-related; and

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

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

24 (c) If the Secretary approves any new research pursu-  
25 ant to subsection (b), not later than 30 days before the

1 commencement of such research, the Secretary shall sub-  
2 mit to the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate  
3 and House of Representatives a report describing—

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

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

8           (3) the justification for the determination of the  
9 Secretary that the scientific objectives of such re-  
10 search could only be met using canines, felines, or  
11 non-human primates;

12           (4) the frequency and duration of such re-  
13 search; and

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

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

20           (1) any research being conducted by the De-  
21 partment of Veterans Affairs using canines, felines,  
22 or non-human primates as of the date of the sub-  
23 mittal of the report;

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

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

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

9           (e) The Department shall implement a plan under  
10          which the Secretary will eliminate or reduce the research  
11          conducted using canines, felines, or non-human primates  
12          by not later than 5 years after the date of enactment of  
13          Public Law 116–94.

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

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

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

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

6           SEC. 248. Amounts made available for the “Veterans  
7           Health Administration, Medical Community Care” ac-  
8           count in this or any other Act for fiscal years 2024 and  
9           2025 may be used for expenses that would otherwise be  
10          payable from the Veterans Choice Fund established by  
11          section 802 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Account-  
12          ability Act, as amended (38 U.S.C. 1701 note).

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

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

1 counts, \$1,279,096,000 shall be made available for gen-  
2 der-specific care and programmatic efforts to deliver care  
3 for women veterans.

4 SEC. 251. Notwithstanding any other law, by no later  
5 than September 30, 2023, the Secretary shall commence  
6 construction of the Community Based Outpatient Clinic  
7 in Bakersfield, California in accordance with Lease  
8 No.36C10F20L0008.

9 SEC. 252. None of the funds made available in this  
10 Act shall be expended for monthly payments under Lease  
11 No. VA10112R0032, including section 11 of the lease,  
12 that exceed \$223,166.67 unless required for maintenance  
13 and repairs or improvements related to the form, fit, or  
14 function of the facility that directly enhances the safety  
15 of veterans or improves healthcare services.

16 SEC. 253. Not later than 30 days after the end of  
17 each fiscal quarter, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall  
18 submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both  
19 Houses of Congress a quarterly report on the status of  
20 the “Veterans Medical Care and Health Fund”, estab-  
21 lished to execute section 8002 of the American Rescue  
22 Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law 117–2): *Provided*, That,  
23 at a minimum, the report shall include an update on obli-  
24 gations by program, project or activity and a plan for ex-  
25 pending the remaining funds: *Provided further*, That the

1 Secretary of Veterans Affairs must submit notification of  
2 any plans to reallocate funds from the current apportion-  
3 ment categories of “Medical Services”, “Medical Support  
4 and Compliance”, “Medical Facilities”, “Medical Commu-  
5 nity Care”, or “Medical and Prosthetic Research”, includ-  
6 ing the amount and purpose of each reallocation to the  
7 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress  
8 and such Committees issue an approval, or absent a re-  
9 sponse, a period of 30 days has elapsed.

10       SEC. 254. Any amounts transferred to the Secretary  
11 and administered by a corporation referred to in section  
12 7364(b) of title 38, United States Code, between October  
13 1, 2017 and September 30, 2018 for purposes of carrying  
14 out an order placed with the Department of Veterans Af-  
15 fairs pursuant to section 1535 of title 31, United States  
16 Code, that are available for obligation pursuant to section  
17 7364(b)(1) of title 38, United States Code, are to remain  
18 available for the liquidation of valid obligations incurred  
19 by such corporation during the period of performance of  
20 such order, provided that the Secretary of Veterans Af-  
21 fairs determines that such amounts need to remain avail-  
22 able for such liquidation.

23       SEC. 255. Unobligated balances available under the  
24 headings “Construction, Major Projects” and “Construc-  
25 tion, Minor Projects” may be obligated by the Secretary

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

19 SEC. 256. Of the unobligated balances available to  
20 the Department of Veterans Affairs from prior appropria-  
21 tions Acts, the following funds are hereby rescinded from  
22 the following accounts in the amounts specified:

23 “Veterans Health Administration—Medical  
24 Services”, \$4,933,113,000;



1 “Veterans Health Administration—Medical  
2 Community Care”, \$1,909,069,000; and

3 “Veterans Health Administration—Medical Fa-  
4 cilities”, \$250,515,000.

5 SEC. 257. Not later than 30 days after the date the  
6 funds become available, the Secretary shall submit to the  
7 Committees on Appropriations an expenditure plan for  
8 funds made available through the Fiscal Responsibility  
9 Act of 2023 (P.L. 118-5) for the Cost of War Toxic Expo-  
10 sures Fund for fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

11 SEC. 258. (a) None of the funds made available in  
12 this Act may be used to implement, administer, or other-  
13 wise carry out the Department of Veterans Affairs interim  
14 final rule published on September 9, 2022, or any suc-  
15 cessor to such rule, or to propose, promulgate, or imple-  
16 ment any substantially similar rule or policy.

17 (b) None of the funds appropriated in this Act shall  
18 be expended for any abortion, including through a medical  
19 benefits package or health benefits program that includes  
20 coverage of abortion.

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

23 (1) if the pregnancy is the result of an act of  
24 rape or incest; or

1           (2) in the case where a woman suffers from a  
2           physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness,  
3           including a life-endangering physical condition  
4           caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself, that  
5           would, as certified by a physician, place the woman  
6           in danger of death unless an abortion is performed.

7           SEC. 259. None of the funds made available by this  
8           Act may be used for surgical procedures or hormone thera-  
9           pies for the purposes of gender affirming care.

10          SEC. 260. None of the funds made available by this  
11          Act may be used by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to  
12          fly or display a flag over a facility of the Department of  
13          Veterans Affairs or a national cemetery other than the  
14          flag of the United States, the flag of a State, Territory,  
15          or District of Columbia, the flag of an Indian Tribal gov-  
16          ernment, the flag of the Department, the flag of an Armed  
17          Force, or the POW/MIA flag.

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, \$158,630,000, 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, \$47,200,000: *Provided*, That  
8 \$3,385,000 shall be available for the purpose of providing  
9 financial assistance as described and in accordance with  
10 the process and reporting procedures set forth under this  
11 heading in Public Law 102–229.

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

15 For necessary expenses for maintenance, operation,  
16 and improvement of Arlington National Cemetery and Sol-  
17 diers' and Airmen's Home National Cemetery, including  
18 the purchase or lease of passenger motor vehicles for re-  
19 placement on a one-for-one basis only, and not to exceed  
20 \$2,000 for official reception and representation expenses,  
21 \$100,267,000, of which not to exceed \$15,000,000 shall  
22 remain available until September 30, 2026. In addition,  
23 such sums as may be necessary for parking maintenance,  
24 repairs and replacement, to be derived from the "Lease

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

3 CONSTRUCTION

4 For necessary expenses for planning and design and  
5 construction at Arlington National Cemetery and Soldiers’  
6 and Airmen’s Home National Cemetery, \$88,600,000, to  
7 remain available until expended for planning and design  
8 and construction associated with the Southern Expansion  
9 project at Arlington National Cemetery.

10 ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME

11 TRUST FUND

12 For expenses necessary for the Armed Forces Retire-  
13 ment Home to operate and maintain the Armed Forces  
14 Retirement Home—Washington, District of Columbia,  
15 and the Armed Forces Retirement Home—Gulfport, Mis-  
16 sissippi, to be paid from funds available in the Armed  
17 Forces Retirement Home Trust Fund, \$77,000,000, to re-  
18 main available until September 30, 2025, of which  
19 \$8,940,000 shall remain available until expended for con-  
20 struction and renovation of the physical plants at the  
21 Armed Forces Retirement Home—Washington, District of  
22 Columbia, and the Armed Forces Retirement Home—  
23 Gulfport, Mississippi: *Provided*, That of the amounts made  
24 available under this heading from funds available in the  
25 Armed Forces Retirement Home Trust Fund,

1 \$25,000,000 shall be paid from the general fund of the  
2 Treasury to the Trust Fund.

3 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

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

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## TITLE IV

### GENERAL PROVISIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



1 the requesting Committee or Committees of Congress for  
2 no less than 30 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 appropriated by this Act  
21 may be used in any way, directly or indirectly, to influence  
22 congressional action on any legislation or appropriation  
23 matter pending before Congress, other than to commu-  
24 nicate to Members of Congress as described in 18 U.S.C.  
25 1913.

1       SEC. 414. None of the funds appropriated or other-  
2 wise made available by this Act may be made available  
3 to implement, administer, apply, enforce, or carry out Ex-  
4 ecutive Order No. 13985 of January 20, 2021 (86 Fed.  
5 Reg. 7009), Executive Order No. 14035 of June 25, 2021  
6 (86 Fed. Reg. 34593), or Executive Order No. 14091 of  
7 February 16, 2023 (88 Fed. Reg. 10825).

8       SEC. 415. None of the funds made available by this  
9 Act may be used to carry out any program, project, or  
10 activity that promotes or advances Critical Race Theory  
11 or any concept associated with Critical Race Theory.

12       SEC. 416. (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding sec-  
13 tion 7 of title 1, United States Code, section 1738C of  
14 title 28, United States Code, or any other provision of law,  
15 none of the funds provided by this Act, or previous appro-  
16 priations Acts, shall be used in whole or in part to take  
17 any discriminatory action against a person, wholly or par-  
18 tially, on the basis that such person speaks, or acts, in  
19 accordance with a sincerely held religious belief, or moral  
20 conviction, that marriage is, or should be recognized as,  
21 a union of one man and one woman.

22       (b) Discriminatory action defined.—As used in sub-  
23 section (a), a discriminatory action means any action  
24 taken by the Federal Government to—

1           (1) alter in any way the Federal tax treatment  
2 of, or cause any tax, penalty, or payment to be as-  
3 sessed against, or deny, delay, or revoke an exemp-  
4 tion from taxation under section 501(a) of the Inter-  
5 nal Revenue Code of 1986 of, any person referred to  
6 in subsection (a);

7           (2) disallow a deduction for Federal tax pur-  
8 poses of any charitable contribution made to or by  
9 such person;

10          (3) withhold, reduce the amount or funding for,  
11 exclude, terminate, or otherwise make unavailable or  
12 deny, any Federal grant, contract, subcontract, co-  
13 operative agreement, guarantee, loan, scholarship, li-  
14 cense, certification, accreditation, employment, or  
15 other similar position or status from or to such per-  
16 son;

17          (4) withhold, reduce, exclude, terminate, or oth-  
18 erwise make unavailable or deny, any entitlement or  
19 benefit under a Federal benefit program, including  
20 admission to, equal treatment in, or eligibility for a  
21 degree from an educational program, from or to  
22 such person; or

23          (5) withhold, reduce, exclude, terminate, or oth-  
24 erwise make unavailable or deny access or an entitle-  
25 ment to Federal property, facilities, educational in-



1 in this Act may be used to enforce Veterans Health Direc-  
2 tive 1315 as it relates to—

3 (1) the policy stating that “VHA providers are  
4 prohibited from completing forms or registering Vet-  
5 erans for participation in a State-approved mari-  
6 juana program”;

7 (2) the directive for the “Deputy Under Sec-  
8 retary for Health for Operations and Management”  
9 to ensure that “medical facility Directors are aware  
10 that it is VHA policy for providers to assess Veteran  
11 use of marijuana but providers are prohibited from  
12 recommending, making referrals to or completing  
13 paperwork for Veteran participation in State mari-  
14 juana programs”; and

15 (3) the directive for the “VA Medical Facility  
16 Director” to ensure that “VA facility staff are aware  
17 of the following” “[t]he prohibition on recom-  
18 mending, making referrals to or completing forms  
19 and registering Veterans for participation in State-  
20 approved marijuana programs”.

21 SEC. 422. None of the funds made available by this  
22 Act may be used by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to  
23 report a determination under section 5502 of title 38,  
24 United States Code, and section 3.353 of title 38 of the  
25 Code of Federal Regulations, to the Department of Justice

1 National Instant Criminal Background Check System es-  
2 tablished pursuant to section 103 of the Brady Handgun  
3 Violence Prevention Act (34 U.S.C. 40901).

4 SEC. 423. None of the funds made available by this  
5 Act may be used to carry out VHA Directive 1193.01,  
6 “Coronavirus Disease 2019 Vaccination Program for Vet-  
7 erans Health Administration Health Care Personnel”.

8 SEC. 424. None of the funds made available by this  
9 Act may be used to modify or remove any display of the  
10 Department of Veterans Affairs that bears the mission  
11 statement “To fulfill President Lincoln’s promise ‘to care  
12 for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow,  
13 and his orphan’ by serving and honoring the men and  
14 women who are America’s veterans.’”

15 SEC. 425. None of the funds appropriated by this Act  
16 may be used to implement any of the following executive  
17 orders:

18 (1) Executive Order No. 13990, relating to  
19 Protecting Public Health and the Environment and  
20 Restoring Science To Tackle the Climate Crisis.

21 (2) Executive Order No. 14008, relating to  
22 Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad.

23 (3) Section 6 of Executive Order No. 14013, re-  
24 lating to Rebuilding and Enhancing Programs To

1 Resettle Refugees and Planning for the Impact of  
2 Climate Change on Migration.

3 (4) Executive Order No. 14030, relating to Cli-  
4 mate-Related Financial Risk.

5 (5) Executive Order No. 14057, relating to  
6 Catalyzing Clean Energy Industries and Jobs  
7 Through Federal Sustainability.

8 (6) Executive Order No. 14082, relating to Im-  
9 plementation of the Energy and Infrastructure Pro-  
10 visions of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022.

11 (7) Executive Order No. 14096, relating to Re-  
12 vitalizing Our Nation’s Commitment to Environ-  
13 mental Justice for All.

14 This Act may be cited as the “Military Construction,  
15 Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations  
16 Act, 2024”.

Passed the House of Representatives July 27, 2023.

Attest: KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,  
*Clerk.*





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Making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes.

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