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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, 2016, and for other purposes.



1 tifies the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses  
2 of Congress of the determination and the reasons therefor.

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, \$1,349,678,000, to remain available  
11 until September 30, 2020: *Provided*, That of this amount,  
12 not to exceed \$91,649,000 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.

19 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

20 For acquisition, construction, installation, and equip-  
21 ment of temporary or permanent public works, military  
22 installations, facilities, and real property for the Air Force  
23 as currently authorized by law, \$1,237,055,000, to remain  
24 available until September 30, 2020: *Provided*, That of this  
25 amount, not to exceed \$89,164,000 shall be available for

1 study, planning, design, and architect and engineer serv-  
2 ices, as authorized by law, unless the Secretary of the Air  
3 Force determines that additional obligations are necessary  
4 for such purposes and notifies the Committees on Appro-  
5 priations of both Houses of Congress of the determination  
6 and the reasons therefor.

7           MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, DEFENSE-WIDE

8                   (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

9           For acquisition, construction, installation, and equip-  
10 ment of temporary or permanent public works, installa-  
11 tions, facilities, and real property for activities and agen-  
12 cies of the Department of Defense (other than the military  
13 departments), as currently authorized by law,  
14 \$1,931,456,000 (reduced by \$30,000,000) (increased by  
15 \$30,000,000), to remain available until September 30,  
16 2020: *Provided*, That such amounts of this appropriation  
17 as may be determined by the Secretary of Defense may  
18 be transferred to such appropriations of the Department  
19 of Defense available for military construction or family  
20 housing as the Secretary may designate, to be merged with  
21 and to be available for the same purposes, and for the  
22 same time period, as the appropriation or fund to which  
23 transferred: *Provided further*, That of the amount appro-  
24 priated, not to exceed \$160,404,000 (increased by  
25 \$30,000,000) shall be available for study, planning, de-

1 sign, and architect and engineer services, as authorized  
2 by law, unless the Secretary of Defense determines that  
3 additional obligations are necessary for such purposes and  
4 notifies the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses  
5 of Congress of the determination and the reasons therefor:  
6 *Provided further*, That none of the funds made available  
7 by this title may be used to construct any fiscal year 2016  
8 special operations command military construction projects  
9 until the Commander of the Special Operations Command  
10 has certified in writing and submits to the Committees on  
11 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a report that  
12 includes the following:

13           (1) A definition of “Special Operations Forces-  
14           peculiar” as it applies to the use of United States  
15           Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) funding  
16           to meet military construction requirements for facili-  
17           ties that provide healthcare services or support fit-  
18           ness activities.

19           (2) A description of the decision-making process  
20           used to determine whether a military construction  
21           project that provides healthcare facilities or supports  
22           fitness activities should be funded by the USSOCOM  
23           or the military departments.

24           (3) Provides a schematic of the human perform-  
25           ance centers by installation, a listing of the planned

1 equipment related to training and resiliency and a  
2 description of the mission-critical benefit of each  
3 item, an explanation of why the unique physical and  
4 psychological health services incorporated could not  
5 be provided by the Defense Health Agency or mili-  
6 tary services, and a planned staffing breakdown.

7 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

8 For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-  
9 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-  
10 ministration of the Army National Guard, and contribu-  
11 tions therefor, as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10,  
12 United States Code, and Military Construction Authoriza-  
13 tion Acts, \$167,437,000, to remain available until Sep-  
14 tember 30, 2020: *Provided*, That of the amount appro-  
15 priated, not to exceed \$20,337,000 shall be available for  
16 study, planning, design, and architect and engineer serv-  
17 ices, as authorized by law, unless the Director of the Army  
18 National Guard determines that additional obligations are  
19 necessary for such purposes and notifies the Committees  
20 on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the de-  
21 termination and the reasons therefor.

22 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR NATIONAL GUARD

23 For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-  
24 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-  
25 ministration of the Air National Guard, and contributions

1 therefor, as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10, United  
2 States Code, and Military Construction Authorization  
3 Acts, \$138,738,000, to remain available until September  
4 30, 2020: *Provided*, That of the amount appropriated, not  
5 to exceed \$5,104,000 shall be available for study, plan-  
6 ning, design, and architect and engineer services, as au-  
7 thorized by law, unless the Director of the Air National  
8 Guard determines that additional obligations are nec-  
9 essary for such purposes and notifies the Committees on  
10 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the deter-  
11 mination and the reasons therefor.

12           MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY RESERVE

13           For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-  
14 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-  
15 ministration of the Army Reserve as authorized by chapter  
16 1803 of title 10, United States Code, and Military Con-  
17 struction Authorization Acts, \$104,295,000, to remain  
18 available until September 30, 2020: *Provided*, That of the  
19 amount appropriated, not to exceed \$9,318,000 shall be  
20 available for study, planning, design, and architect and en-  
21 gineer services, as authorized by law, unless the Chief of  
22 the Army Reserve determines that additional obligations  
23 are necessary for such purposes and notifies the Commit-  
24 tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the  
25 determination and the reasons therefor.

## 1           MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY RESERVE

2           For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-  
3 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-  
4 ministration of the reserve components of the Navy and  
5 Marine Corps as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10,  
6 United States Code, and Military Construction Authoriza-  
7 tion Acts, \$36,078,000, to remain available until Sep-  
8 tember 30, 2020: *Provided*, That of the amount appro-  
9 priated, not to exceed \$2,208,000 shall be available for  
10 study, planning, design, and architect and engineer serv-  
11 ices, as authorized by law, unless the Secretary of the  
12 Navy determines that additional obligations are necessary  
13 for such purposes and notifies the Committees on Appro-  
14 priations of both Houses of Congress of the determination  
15 and the reasons therefor.

## 16           MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE RESERVE

17           For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-  
18 tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-  
19 ministration of the Air Force Reserve as authorized by  
20 chapter 1803 of title 10, United States Code, and Military  
21 Construction Authorization Acts, \$65,021,000, to remain  
22 available until September 30, 2020: *Provided*, That of the  
23 amount appropriated, not to exceed \$13,400,000 shall be  
24 available for study, planning, design, and architect and en-  
25 gineer services, as authorized by law, unless the Chief of



1 the Air Force Reserve determines that additional obliga-  
2 tions are necessary for such purposes and notifies the  
3 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress  
4 of the determination and the reasons therefor.

5 NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION  
6 SECURITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

7 For the United States share of the cost of the North  
8 Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Pro-  
9 gram for the acquisition and construction of military fa-  
10 cilities and installations (including international military  
11 headquarters) and for related expenses for the collective  
12 defense of the North Atlantic Treaty Area as authorized  
13 by section 2806 of title 10, United States Code, and Mili-  
14 tary Construction Authorization Acts, \$150,000,000, to  
15 remain available until expended.

16 FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, ARMY

17 For expenses of family housing for the Army for con-  
18 struction, including acquisition, replacement, addition, ex-  
19 pansion, extension, and alteration, as authorized by law,  
20 \$99,695,000, to remain available until September 30,  
21 2020.

22 FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE,  
23 ARMY

24 For expenses of family housing for the Army for op-  
25 eration and maintenance, including debt payment, leasing,

1 minor construction, principal and interest charges, and in-  
2 surance premiums, as authorized by law, \$393,511,000.

3 FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE  
4 CORPS

5 For expenses of family housing for the Navy and Ma-  
6 rine Corps for construction, including acquisition, replace-  
7 ment, addition, expansion, extension, and alteration, as  
8 authorized by law, \$16,541,000, to remain available until  
9 September 30, 2020.

10 FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE,  
11 NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

12 For expenses of family housing for the Navy and Ma-  
13 rine Corps for operation and maintenance, including debt  
14 payment, leasing, minor construction, principal and inter-  
15 est charges, and insurance premiums, as authorized by  
16 law, \$353,036,000.

17 FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

18 For expenses of family housing for the Air Force for  
19 construction, including acquisition, replacement, addition,  
20 expansion, extension, and alteration, as authorized by law,  
21 \$160,498,000, to remain available until September 30,  
22 2020.

1 FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR  
2 FORCE

3 For expenses of family housing for the Air Force for  
4 operation and maintenance, including debt payment, leas-  
5 ing, minor construction, principal and interest charges,  
6 and insurance premiums, as authorized by law,  
7 \$331,232,000.

8 FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE,  
9 DEFENSE-WIDE

10 For expenses of family housing for the activities and  
11 agencies of the Department of Defense (other than the  
12 military departments) for operation and maintenance,  
13 leasing, and minor construction, as authorized by law,  
14 \$58,668,000.

15 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE ACCOUNT

16 For deposit into the Department of Defense Base  
17 Closure Account, established by section 2906(a) of the De-  
18 fense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (10  
19 U.S.C. 2687 note), \$251,334,000, to remain available  
20 until expended.

21 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

22 SEC. 101. None of the funds made available in this  
23 title shall be expended for payments under a cost-plus-a-  
24 fixed-fee contract for construction, where cost estimates  
25 exceed \$25,000, to be performed within the United States,

1 except Alaska, without the specific approval in writing of  
2 the Secretary of Defense setting forth the reasons there-  
3 for.

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

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

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

18       SEC. 105. None of the funds made available in this  
19 title shall be used for purchase of land or land easements  
20 in excess of 100 percent of the value as determined by  
21 the Army Corps of Engineers or the Naval Facilities Engi-  
22 neering Command, except: (1) where there is a determina-  
23 tion of value by a Federal court; (2) purchases negotiated  
24 by the Attorney General or the designee of the Attorney  
25 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 *Provided further*, That the transfer authority in this provi-  
9 sion shall also be applicable to amounts appropriated for  
10 construction in “Family Housing” accounts in section  
11 2002 of Public Law 112–10.

12 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

24 SEC. 119. Notwithstanding any other provision of  
25 law, funds made available in this title for operation and

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

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

21                                   (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

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

11 SEC. 122. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b),  
12 none of the funds made available in this Act may be used  
13 by the Secretary of the Army to relocate a unit in the  
14 Army that—

15 (1) performs a testing mission or function that  
16 is not performed by any other unit in the Army and  
17 is specifically stipulated in title 10, United States  
18 Code; and

19 (2) is located at a military installation at which  
20 the total number of civilian employees of the Depart-  
21 ment of the Army and Army contractor personnel  
22 employed exceeds 10 percent of the total number of  
23 members of the regular and reserve components of  
24 the Army assigned to the installation.



1 global war on terrorism or as an emergency requirement),  
2 \$96,000,000 are hereby rescinded.

3 (RESCISSION OF FUNDS)

4 SEC. 126. Of the unobligated balances available for  
5 “Military Construction, Air Force”, from prior appropria-  
6 tion Acts (other than appropriations designated by law as  
7 being for contingency operations directly related to the  
8 global war on terrorism or as an emergency requirement),  
9 \$52,600,000 are hereby rescinded.

10 (RESCISSION OF FUNDS)

11 SEC. 127. Of the unobligated balances available for  
12 “Military Construction, Defense-Wide”, from prior appro-  
13 priation Acts (other than appropriations designated by law  
14 as being for contingency operations directly related to the  
15 global war on terrorism or as an emergency requirement),  
16 \$134,000,000 are hereby rescinded.

17 (RESCISSION OF FUNDS)

18 SEC. 128. Of the unobligated balances made available  
19 in prior appropriation Acts for the fund established in sec-  
20 tion 1013(d) of the Demonstration Cities and Metropoli-  
21 tan Development Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 3374) (other  
22 than appropriations designated by law as being for contin-  
23 gency operations directly related to the global war on ter-  
24 rorism or as an emergency requirement), \$103,918,000  
25 are hereby rescinded.

1       SEC. 129. For the purposes of this Act, the term  
2 “congressional defense committees” means the Commit-  
3 tees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives  
4 and the Senate, the Subcommittee on Military Construc-  
5 tion and Veterans Affairs of the Committee on Appropria-  
6 tions of the Senate, and the Subcommittee on Military  
7 Construction and Veterans Affairs of the Committee on  
8 Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

9       SEC. 130. None of the funds made available by this  
10 title may be used to carry out the closure or realignment  
11 of Lajes Air Force Base, Azores, and, unless and until  
12 the Secretary of Defense certifies in writing to the con-  
13 gressional defense committees that, based on operational  
14 requirements, Lajes Air Force Base is not an optimal loca-  
15 tion for the Joint Intelligence Analysis Complex, none of  
16 the funds made available by this title may be used to con-  
17 struct phase two of the Joint Intelligence Analysis Com-  
18 plex Consolidation at Royal Air Force Croughton, United  
19 Kingdom.

20       SEC. 131. Notwithstanding section 124, for an addi-  
21 tional amount for “Military Construction, Army” in this  
22 title, \$30,000,000 is provided for advances to the Federal  
23 Highway Administration, Department of Transportation,  
24 for construction of access roads as authorized by section  
25 210 of title 23, United States Code.

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

6 For the payment of compensation benefits to or on  
7 behalf of veterans and a pilot program for disability ex-  
8 aminations as authorized by section 107 and chapters 11,  
9 13, 18, 51, 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United States Code;  
10 pension benefits to or on behalf of veterans as authorized  
11 by chapters 15, 51, 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United  
12 States Code; and burial benefits, the Reinstated Entitle-  
13 ment Program for Survivors, emergency and other offi-  
14 cers' retirement pay, adjusted-service credits and certifi-  
15 cates, payment of premiums due on commercial life insur-  
16 ance policies guaranteed under the provisions of title IV  
17 of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C. App.  
18 541 et seq.) and for other benefits as authorized by sec-  
19 tions 107, 1312, 1977, and 2106, and chapters 23, 51,  
20 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United States Code,  
21 \$166,271,436,000, to remain available until expended, of  
22 which \$87,146,761,000 shall become available on October  
23 1, 2016: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$15,562,000 of the  
24 amount made available for fiscal year 2016 and  
25 \$16,021,000 of the amount made available for fiscal year

1 2017 under this heading shall be reimbursed to “General  
2 Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration”,  
3 and “Information Technology Systems” for necessary ex-  
4 penses in implementing the provisions of chapters 51, 53,  
5 and 55 of title 38, United States Code, the funding source  
6 for which is specifically provided as the “Compensation  
7 and Pensions” appropriation: *Provided further*, That such  
8 sums as may be earned on an actual qualifying patient  
9 basis, shall be reimbursed to “Medical Care Collections  
10 Fund” to augment the funding of individual medical facili-  
11 ties for nursing home care provided to pensioners as au-  
12 thorized.

13 READJUSTMENT BENEFITS

14 For the payment of readjustment and rehabilitation  
15 benefits to or on behalf of veterans as authorized by chap-  
16 ters 21, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, 39, 41, 51, 53, 55, and  
17 61 of title 38, United States Code, \$32,088,826,000, to  
18 remain available until expended, of which  
19 \$16,743,904,000 shall become available on October 1,  
20 2016: *Provided*, That expenses for rehabilitation program  
21 services and assistance which the Secretary is authorized  
22 to provide under subsection (a) of section 3104 of title  
23 38, United States Code, other than under paragraphs (1),  
24 (2), (5), and (11) of that subsection, shall be charged to  
25 this account.



## 1 VETERANS INSURANCE AND INDEMNITIES

2 For military and naval insurance, national service life  
3 insurance, servicemen's indemnities, service-disabled vet-  
4 erans insurance, and veterans mortgage life insurance as  
5 authorized by chapters 19 and 21, title 38, United States  
6 Code, \$169,080,000, to remain available until expended,  
7 of which \$91,920,000 shall become available on October  
8 1, 2016.

## 9 VETERANS HOUSING BENEFIT PROGRAM FUND

10 For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans, such  
11 sums as may be necessary to carry out the program, as  
12 authorized by subchapters I through III of chapter 37 of  
13 title 38, United States Code: *Provided*, That such costs,  
14 including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as de-  
15 fined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of  
16 1974: *Provided further*, That during fiscal year 2016,  
17 within the resources available, not to exceed \$500,000 in  
18 gross obligations for direct loans are authorized for spe-  
19 cially adapted housing loans.

20 In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out  
21 the direct and guaranteed loan programs, \$164,558,000.

## 22 VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

23 For the cost of direct loans, \$31,000, as authorized  
24 by chapter 31 of title 38, United States Code: *Provided*,  
25 That such costs, including the cost of modifying such

1 loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congres-  
2 sional Budget Act of 1974: *Provided further*, That funds  
3 made available under this heading are available to sub-  
4 sidize gross obligations for the principal amount of direct  
5 loans not to exceed \$2,952,000.

6 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to  
7 carry out the direct loan program, \$367,000, which may  
8 be paid to the appropriation for “General Operating Ex-  
9 penses, Veterans Benefits Administration”.

10 NATIVE AMERICAN VETERAN HOUSING LOAN PROGRAM  
11 ACCOUNT

12 For administrative expenses to carry out the direct  
13 loan program authorized by subchapter V of chapter 37  
14 of title 38, United States Code, \$1,134,000.

15 VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION  
16 MEDICAL SERVICES

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

1 State homes as authorized by section 1741 of title 38,  
2 United States Code, assistance and support services for  
3 caregivers as authorized by section 1720G of title 38,  
4 United States Code, loan repayments authorized by sec-  
5 tion 604 of the Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health  
6 Services Act of 2010 (Public Law 111–163; 124 Stat.  
7 1174; 38 U.S.C. 7681 note), and hospital care and med-  
8 ical services authorized by section 1787 of title 38, United  
9 States Code; \$969,554,000, which shall be in addition to  
10 funds previously appropriated under this heading that be-  
11 came available on October 1, 2015; and, in addition,  
12 \$51,673,000,000, plus reimbursements, shall become  
13 available on October 1, 2016, and shall remain available  
14 until September 30, 2017: *Provided*, That notwithstanding  
15 any other provision of law, the Secretary of Veterans Af-  
16 fairs shall establish a priority for the provision of medical  
17 treatment for veterans who have service-connected disabil-  
18 ities, lower income, or have special needs: *Provided further*,  
19 That notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Sec-  
20 retary of Veterans Affairs shall give priority funding for  
21 the provision of basic medical benefits to veterans in en-  
22 rollment priority groups 1 through 6: *Provided further*,  
23 That notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Sec-  
24 retary of Veterans Affairs may authorize the dispensing  
25 of prescription drugs from Veterans Health Administra-

1 tion facilities to enrolled veterans with privately written  
2 prescriptions based on requirements established by the  
3 Secretary: *Provided further*, That the implementation of  
4 the program described in the previous proviso shall incur  
5 no additional cost to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

6 MEDICAL SUPPORT AND COMPLIANCE

7 For necessary expenses in the administration of the  
8 medical, hospital, nursing home, domiciliary, construction,  
9 supply, and research activities, as authorized by law; ad-  
10 ministrative expenses in support of capital policy activi-  
11 ties; and administrative and legal expenses of the Depart-  
12 ment for collecting and recovering amounts owed the De-  
13 partment as authorized under chapter 17 of title 38,  
14 United States Code, and the Federal Medical Care Recov-  
15 ery Act (42 U.S.C. 2651 et seq.), \$6,524,000,000, plus  
16 reimbursements, shall become available on October 1,  
17 2016, and shall remain available until September 30,  
18 2017.

19 MEDICAL FACILITIES

20 For necessary expenses for the maintenance and op-  
21 eration of hospitals, nursing homes, domiciliary facilities,  
22 and other necessary facilities of the Veterans Health Ad-  
23 ministration; for administrative expenses in support of  
24 planning, design, project management, real property ac-  
25 quisition and disposition, construction, and renovation of

1 any facility under the jurisdiction or for the use of the  
2 Department; for oversight, engineering, and architectural  
3 activities not charged to project costs; for repairing, alter-  
4 ing, improving, or providing facilities in the several hos-  
5 pitals and homes under the jurisdiction of the Depart-  
6 ment, not otherwise provided for, either by contract or by  
7 the hire of temporary employees and purchase of mate-  
8 rials; for leases of facilities; and for laundry services,  
9 \$5,074,000,000, plus reimbursements, shall become avail-  
10 able on October 1, 2016, and shall remain available until  
11 September 30, 2017.

12 MEDICAL AND PROSTHETIC RESEARCH

13 For necessary expenses in carrying out programs of  
14 medical and prosthetic research and development as au-  
15 thorized by chapter 73 of title 38, United States Code,  
16 \$621,813,000, plus reimbursements, shall remain avail-  
17 able until September 30, 2017.

18 NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION

19 For necessary expenses of the National Cemetery Ad-  
20 ministration for operations and maintenance, not other-  
21 wise provided for, including uniforms or allowances there-  
22 for; cemeterial expenses as authorized by law; purchase  
23 of one passenger motor vehicle for use in cemeterial oper-  
24 ations; hire of passenger motor vehicles; and repair, alter-  
25 ation or improvement of facilities under the jurisdiction

1 of the National Cemetery Administration, \$266,220,000,  
2 of which not to exceed \$26,600,000 shall remain available  
3 until September 30, 2017.

4 DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

5 GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

6 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

7 For necessary operating expenses of the Department  
8 of Veterans Affairs, not otherwise provided for, including  
9 administrative expenses in support of Department-wide  
10 capital planning, management and policy activities, uni-  
11 forms, or allowances therefor; not to exceed \$25,000 for  
12 official reception and representation expenses; hire of pas-  
13 senger motor vehicles; and reimbursement of the General  
14 Services Administration for security guard services,  
15 \$336,659,000 (reduced by \$8,000,000) (increased by  
16 \$8,000,000) (reduced by \$500,000) (increased by  
17 \$500,000) (reduced by \$2,000,000) (reduced by \$50,000)  
18 (increased by \$50,000) (reduced by \$3,200,000), of which  
19 not to exceed \$10,100,000 shall remain available until  
20 September 30, 2017: *Provided*, That funds provided under  
21 this heading may be transferred to “General Operating  
22 Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration”.

23 BOARD OF VETERANS APPEALS

24 For necessary operating expenses of the Board of  
25 Veterans Appeals, \$107,884,000 (increased by

1 \$2,000,000), of which not to exceed \$10,788,000 shall re-  
2 main available until September 30, 2017.

3 GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES, VETERANS BENEFITS

4 ADMINISTRATION

5 For necessary operating expenses of the Veterans  
6 Benefits Administration, not otherwise provided for, in-  
7 cluding hire of passenger motor vehicles, reimbursement  
8 of the General Services Administration for security guard  
9 services, and reimbursement of the Department of De-  
10 fense for the cost of overseas employee mail,  
11 \$2,697,734,000 (reduced by \$5,000,000) (increased by  
12 \$5,000,000) (reduced by \$5,000,000) (increased by  
13 \$5,000,000): *Provided*, That expenses for services and as-  
14 sistance 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 \$134,800,000 shall re-  
23 main available until September 30, 2017.

1 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS  
2 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

3 For necessary expenses for information technology  
4 systems and telecommunications support, including devel-  
5 opmental information systems and operational information  
6 systems; for pay and associated costs; and for the capital  
7 asset acquisition of information technology systems, in-  
8 cluding management and related contractual costs of said  
9 acquisitions, including contractual costs associated with  
10 operations authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United  
11 States Code, \$4,038,363,000 (increased by \$3,200,000),  
12 plus reimbursements: *Provided*, That \$1,115,757,000  
13 shall be for pay and associated costs, of which not to ex-  
14 ceed \$34,800,000 shall remain available until September  
15 30, 2017: *Provided further*, That \$2,417,863,000 shall be  
16 for operations and maintenance, of which not to exceed  
17 \$167,900,000 shall remain available until September 30,  
18 2017: *Provided further*, That \$504,743,000 shall be for  
19 information technology systems development, moderniza-  
20 tion, and enhancement, and shall remain available until  
21 September 30, 2017: *Provided further*, That amounts  
22 made available for information technology systems devel-  
23 opment, modernization, and enhancement may not be obli-  
24 gated or expended until the Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
25 or the Chief Information Officer of the Department of



1 Veterans Affairs submits to the Committees on Appropria-  
2 tions of both Houses of Congress a certification of the  
3 amounts, in parts or in full, to be obligated and expended  
4 for each development project: *Provided further*, That  
5 amounts made available for salaries and expenses, oper-  
6 ations and maintenance, and information technology sys-  
7 tems development, modernization, and enhancement may  
8 be transferred among the three subaccounts after the Sec-  
9 retary of Veterans Affairs requests from the Committees  
10 on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress the author-  
11 ity to make the transfer and an approval is issued: *Pro-*  
12 *vided further*, That amounts made available for the “Infor-  
13 mation Technology Systems” account for development,  
14 modernization, and enhancement may be transferred  
15 among projects or to newly defined projects: *Provided fur-*  
16 *ther*, That no project may be increased or decreased by  
17 more than \$1,000,000 of cost prior to submitting a re-  
18 quest to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses  
19 of Congress to make the transfer and an approval is  
20 issued, or absent a response, a period of 30 days has  
21 elapsed: *Provided further*, That funds under this heading  
22 may be used by the Interagency Program Office through  
23 the Department of Veterans Affairs to define data stand-  
24 ards, code sets, and value sets used to enable interoper-  
25 ability: *Provided further*, That of the funds made available

1 for information technology systems development, mod-  
2 ernization, and enhancement for VistA Evolution, not  
3 more than 25 percent may be obligated or expended until  
4 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs submits to the Commit-  
5 tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, and  
6 such Committees approve, a report that describes: (1) the  
7 status of and changes to the VistA Evolution program  
8 plan dated March 24, 2014 (hereinafter referred to as the  
9 “Plan”), the VistA 4 product roadmap dated February 26,  
10 2015 (“Roadmap”), and the VistA 4 Incremental Life  
11 Cycle Cost Estimate, dated October 26, 2014; (2) any  
12 changes to the scope or functionality of projects within  
13 the VistA Evolution program as established in the Plan;  
14 (3) actual program costs incurred to date; (4) progress  
15 in meeting the schedule milestones that have been estab-  
16 lished in the Plan; (5) a Project Management Account-  
17 ability System (PMAS) Dashboard Progress report that  
18 identifies each VistA Evolution project being tracked  
19 through PMAS, what functionality it is intended to pro-  
20 vide, and what evaluation scores it has received through-  
21 out development; (6) the definition being used for inter-  
22 operability between the electronic health record systems  
23 of the Department of Defense and the Department of Vet-  
24 erans Affairs, the metrics to measure the extent of inter-  
25 operability, the milestones and timeline associated with

1 achieving interoperability, and the baseline measurements  
2 associated with interoperability; (7) progress toward devel-  
3 oping and implementing all components and levels of  
4 interoperability, including semantic interoperability; (8)  
5 the change management tools in place to facilitate the im-  
6 plementation of VistA Evolution and interoperability; and  
7 (9) any changes to the governance structure for the VistA  
8 Evolution program and its chain of decisionmaking au-  
9 thority: *Provided further*, That the funds made available  
10 under this heading for information technology systems de-  
11 velopment, modernization, and enhancement, shall be for  
12 the projects, and in the amounts, specified under this  
13 heading in the report accompanying this Act.

14 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

15 For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector  
16 General, to include information technology, in carrying out  
17 the provisions of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5  
18 U.S.C. App.), \$131,766,000, of which not to exceed  
19 \$12,600,000 shall remain available until September 30,  
20 2017.

21 CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR PROJECTS

22 For constructing, altering, extending, and improving  
23 any of the facilities, including parking projects, under the  
24 jurisdiction or for the use of the Department of Veterans  
25 Affairs, or for any of the purposes set forth in sections

1 316, 2404, 2406 and chapter 81 of title 38, United States  
2 Code, not otherwise provided for, including planning, ar-  
3 chitectural and engineering services, construction manage-  
4 ment services, maintenance or guarantee period services  
5 costs associated with equipment guarantees provided  
6 under the project, services of claims analysts, offsite utility  
7 and storm drainage system construction costs, and site ac-  
8 quisition, where the estimated cost of a project is more  
9 than the amount set forth in section 8104(a)(3)(A) of title  
10 38, United States Code, or where funds for a project were  
11 made available in a previous major project appropriation,  
12 \$561,800,000, of which \$527,800,000 shall remain avail-  
13 able until September 30, 2020, and of which \$34,000,000  
14 shall remain available until expended: *Provided*, That ex-  
15 cept for advance planning activities, including needs as-  
16 sessments which may or may not lead to capital invest-  
17 ments, and other capital asset management related activi-  
18 ties, including portfolio development and management ac-  
19 tivities, and investment strategy studies funded through  
20 the advance planning fund and the planning and design  
21 activities funded through the design fund, including needs  
22 assessments which may or may not lead to capital invest-  
23 ments, and salaries and associated costs of the resident  
24 engineers who oversee those capital investments funded  
25 through this account, and funds provided for the purchase

1 of land for the National Cemetery Administration through  
2 the land acquisition line item, none of the funds made  
3 available under this heading shall be used for any project  
4 which has not been approved by the Congress in the budg-  
5 etary process: *Provided further*, That funds made available  
6 under this heading for fiscal year 2016, for each approved  
7 project shall be obligated: (1) by the awarding of a con-  
8 struction documents contract by September 30, 2016; and  
9 (2) by the awarding of a construction contract by Sep-  
10 tember 30, 2017: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of  
11 Veterans Affairs shall promptly submit to the Committees  
12 on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a written  
13 report on any approved major construction project for  
14 which obligations are not incurred within the time limita-  
15 tions established above.

16 CONSTRUCTION, MINOR PROJECTS

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

1 site acquisition, or for any of the purposes set forth in  
2 sections 316, 2404, 2406, and chapter 81 of title 38,  
3 United States Code, not otherwise provided for, where the  
4 estimated cost of a project is equal to or less than the  
5 amount set forth in section 8104(a)(3)(A) of title 38,  
6 United States Code, \$406,200,000, to remain available  
7 until September 30, 2020, along with unobligated balances  
8 of previous “Construction, Minor Projects” appropriations  
9 which are hereby made available for any project where the  
10 estimated cost is equal to or less than the amount set forth  
11 in such section: *Provided*, That funds made available  
12 under this heading shall be for: (1) repairs to any of the  
13 nonmedical facilities under the jurisdiction or for the use  
14 of the Department which are necessary because of loss or  
15 damage caused by any natural disaster or catastrophe;  
16 and (2) temporary measures necessary to prevent or to  
17 minimize further loss by such causes.

18 GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STATE EXTENDED CARE

19 FACILITIES

20 For grants to assist States to acquire or construct  
21 State nursing home and domiciliary facilities and to re-  
22 model, modify, or alter existing hospital, nursing home,  
23 and domiciliary facilities in State homes, for furnishing  
24 care to veterans as authorized by sections 8131 through

1 8137 of title 38, United States Code, \$80,000,000, to re-  
2 main available until expended.

3 GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF VETERANS CEMETERIES

4 For grants to assist States and tribal organizations  
5 in establishing, expanding, or improving veterans ceme-  
6 teries as authorized by section 2408 of title 38, United  
7 States Code, \$45,000,000, to remain available until ex-  
8 pended.

9 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

10 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

11 SEC. 201. Any appropriation for fiscal year 2016 for  
12 “Compensation and Pensions”, “Readjustment Benefits”,  
13 and “Veterans Insurance and Indemnities” may be trans-  
14 ferred as necessary to any other of the mentioned appro-  
15 priations: *Provided*, That before a transfer may take place,  
16 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall request from the  
17 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress  
18 the authority to make the transfer and such Committees  
19 issue an approval, or absent a response, a period of 30  
20 days has elapsed.

21 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

22 SEC. 202. Amounts made available for the Depart-  
23 ment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2016, in this or  
24 any other Act, under the “Medical Services”, “Medical  
25 Support and Compliance”, and “Medical Facilities” ac-

1 counts may be transferred among the accounts: *Provided*,  
2 That any transfers between the “Medical Services” and  
3 “Medical Support and Compliance” accounts of 1 percent  
4 or less of the total amount appropriated to the account  
5 in this or any other Act may take place subject to notifica-  
6 tion from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to the Com-  
7 mittees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of  
8 the amount and purpose of the transfer: *Provided further*,  
9 That any transfers between the “Medical Services” and  
10 “Medical Support and Compliance” accounts in excess of  
11 1 percent, or exceeding the cumulative 1 percent for the  
12 fiscal year, may take place only after the Secretary re-  
13 quests from the Committees on Appropriations of both  
14 Houses of Congress the authority to make the transfer  
15 and an approval is issued: *Provided further*, That any  
16 transfers to or from the “Medical Facilities” account may  
17 take place only after the Secretary requests from the Com-  
18 mittees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress the  
19 authority to make the transfer and an approval is issued.

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



1 ized by sections 5901 through 5902 of title 5, United  
2 States Code.

3 SEC. 204. No appropriations in this title (except the  
4 appropriations for “Construction, Major Projects”, and  
5 “Construction, Minor Projects”) shall be available for the  
6 purchase of any site for or toward the construction of any  
7 new hospital or home.

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

19 SEC. 206. Appropriations available in this title for  
20 “Compensation and Pensions”, “Readjustment Benefits”,  
21 and “Veterans Insurance and Indemnities” shall be avail-  
22 able for payment of prior year accrued obligations re-  
23 quired to be recorded by law against the corresponding  
24 prior year accounts within the last quarter of fiscal year  
25 2015.



1 administration of such an insurance program exceeds the  
2 amount of surplus earnings accumulated in that program,  
3 reimbursement shall be made only to the extent of such  
4 surplus earnings: *Provided further*, That the Secretary  
5 shall determine the cost of administration for fiscal year  
6 2016 which is properly allocable to the provision of each  
7 such insurance program and to the provision of any total  
8 disability income insurance included in that insurance pro-  
9 gram.

10 SEC. 209. Amounts deducted from enhanced-use  
11 lease proceeds to reimburse an account for expenses in-  
12 curred by that account during a prior fiscal year for pro-  
13 viding enhanced-use lease services, may be obligated dur-  
14 ing the fiscal year in which the proceeds are received.

15 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

16 SEC. 210. Funds available in this title or funds for  
17 salaries and other administrative expenses shall also be  
18 available to reimburse the Office of Resolution Manage-  
19 ment of the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Of-  
20 fice of Employment Discrimination Complaint Adjudica-  
21 tion under section 319 of title 38, United States Code,  
22 for all services provided at rates which will recover actual  
23 costs but not to exceed \$43,700,000 for the Office of Reso-  
24 lution Management and \$3,400,000 for the Office of Em-  
25 ployment Discrimination Complaint Adjudication: *Pro-*

1 *vided*, That payments may be made in advance for services  
2 to be furnished based on estimated costs: *Provided further*,  
3 That amounts received shall be credited to the “General  
4 Administration” and “Information Technology Systems”  
5 accounts for use by the office that provided the service.

6 SEC. 211. No appropriations in this title shall be  
7 available to enter into any new lease of real property if  
8 the estimated annual rental cost is more than \$1,000,000,  
9 unless the Secretary of Veterans Affairs submits a request  
10 to enter into such lease to the Committees on Appropria-  
11 tions of both Houses of Congress and (1) the Committees  
12 approve the request; or (2) the Committees have not re-  
13 jected the request before the date that is 15 days after  
14 the date on which the request is received.

15 SEC. 212. No funds of the Department of Veterans  
16 Affairs shall be available for hospital care, nursing home  
17 care, or medical services provided to any person under  
18 chapter 17 of title 38, United States Code, for a non-serv-  
19 ice-connected disability described in section 1729(a)(2) of  
20 such title, unless that person has disclosed to the Sec-  
21 retary of Veterans Affairs, in such form as the Secretary  
22 may require, current, accurate third-party reimbursement  
23 information for purposes of section 1729 of such title: *Pro-*  
24 *vided*, That the Secretary may recover, in the same man-  
25 ner as any other debt due the United States, the reason-

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

7 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

8 SEC. 213. Notwithstanding any other provision of  
9 law, proceeds or revenues derived from enhanced-use leas-  
10 ing activities (including disposal) may be deposited into  
11 the “Construction, Major Projects” and “Construction,  
12 Minor Projects” accounts and be used for construction  
13 (including site acquisition and disposition), alterations,  
14 and improvements of any medical facility under the juris-  
15 diction or for the use of the Department of Veterans Af-  
16 fairs. Such sums as realized are in addition to the amount  
17 provided for in “Construction, Major Projects” and “Con-  
18 struction, Minor Projects”.

19 SEC. 214. Amounts made available under “Medical  
20 Services” are available—

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

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

1 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

2 SEC. 215. Such sums as may be deposited to the  
3 Medical Care Collections Fund pursuant to section 1729A  
4 of title 38, United States Code, may be transferred to  
5 “Medical Services”, to remain available until expended for  
6 the purposes of that account.

7 SEC. 216. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may  
8 enter into agreements with Indian tribes and tribal organi-  
9 zations which are party to the Alaska Native Health Com-  
10 pact with the Indian Health Service, and Indian tribes and  
11 tribal organizations serving rural Alaska which have en-  
12 tered into contracts with the Indian Health Service under  
13 the Indian Self Determination and Educational Assistance  
14 Act, to provide healthcare, including behavioral health and  
15 dental care. The Secretary shall require participating vet-  
16 erans and facilities to comply with all appropriate rules  
17 and regulations, as established by the Secretary. The term  
18 “rural Alaska” shall mean those lands sited within the ex-  
19 ternal boundaries of the Alaska Native regions specified  
20 in sections 7(a)(1)–(4) and (7)–(12) of the Alaska Native  
21 Claims Settlement Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1606), and  
22 those lands within the Alaska Native regions specified in  
23 sections 7(a)(5) and 7(a)(6) of the Alaska Native Claims  
24 Settlement Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1606), which are  
25 not within the boundaries of the municipality of Anchor-

1 age, the Fairbanks North Star Borough, the Kenai Penin-  
2 sula Borough or the Matanuska Susitna Borough.

3 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

4 SEC. 217. Such sums as may be deposited to the De-  
5 partment of Veterans Affairs Capital Asset Fund pursu-  
6 ant to section 8118 of title 38, United States Code, may  
7 be transferred to the “Construction, Major Projects” and  
8 “Construction, Minor Projects” accounts, to remain avail-  
9 able until expended for the purposes of these accounts.

10 SEC. 218. None of the funds made available in this  
11 title may be used to implement any policy prohibiting the  
12 Directors of the Veterans Integrated Service Networks  
13 from conducting outreach or marketing to enroll new vet-  
14 erans within their respective Networks.

15 SEC. 219. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall  
16 submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both  
17 Houses of Congress a quarterly report on the financial  
18 status of the Veterans Health Administration.

19 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

20 SEC. 220. Amounts made available under the “Med-  
21 ical Services”, “Medical Support and Compliance”, “Med-  
22 ical Facilities”, “General Operating Expenses, Veterans  
23 Benefits Administration”, “General Administration”, and  
24 “National Cemetery Administration” accounts for fiscal  
25 year 2016 may be transferred to or from the “Information

1 Technology Systems” account: *Provided*, That such trans-  
2 fers may not result in a more than 10 percent aggregate  
3 increase in the total amount made available by this Act  
4 for the “Information Technology Systems” account: *Pro-*  
5 *vided further*, That before a transfer may take place, the  
6 Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall request from the Com-  
7 mittees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress the  
8 authority to make the transfer and an approval is issued.

9       SEC. 221. Of the amounts made available to the De-  
10 partment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2016, in this  
11 or any other Act, under the “Medical Facilities” account  
12 for nonrecurring maintenance, not more than 20 percent  
13 of the funds made available shall be obligated during the  
14 last 2 months of that fiscal year: *Provided*, That the Sec-  
15 retary may waive this requirement after providing written  
16 notice to the Committees on Appropriations of both  
17 Houses of Congress.

18                                   (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

19       SEC. 222. Of the amounts appropriated to the De-  
20 partment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2016 for  
21 “Medical Services”, “Medical Support and Compliance”,  
22 “Medical Facilities”, “Construction, Minor Projects”, and  
23 “Information Technology Systems”, up to \$266,303,000,  
24 plus reimbursements, may be transferred to the Joint De-  
25 partment of Defense-Department of Veterans Affairs



1 Medical Facility Demonstration Fund, established by sec-  
2 tion 1704 of the National Defense Authorization Act for  
3 Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 3571)  
4 and may be used for operation of the facilities designated  
5 as combined Federal medical facilities as described by sec-  
6 tion 706 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Author-  
7 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417;  
8 122 Stat. 4500): *Provided*, That additional funds may be  
9 transferred from accounts designated in this section to the  
10 Joint Department of Defense-Department of Veterans Af-  
11 fairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund upon written  
12 notification by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to the  
13 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-  
14 gress: *Provided further*, That section 223 of Title II of  
15 Division I of Public Law 113–235 is repealed.

16 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

17 SEC. 223. Of the amounts appropriated to the De-  
18 partment of Veterans Affairs which become available on  
19 October 1, 2016, for “Medical Services”, “Medical Sup-  
20 port and Compliance”, and “Medical Facilities”, up to  
21 \$265,675,000, plus reimbursements, may be transferred  
22 to the Joint Department of Defense-Department of Vet-  
23 erans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund, es-  
24 tablished by section 1704 of the National Defense Author-  
25 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111–84; 123

1 Stat. 3571) and may be used for operation of the facilities  
2 designated as combined Federal medical facilities as de-  
3 scribed by section 706 of the Duncan Hunter National De-  
4 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law  
5 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500): *Provided*, That additional  
6 funds may be transferred from accounts designated in this  
7 section to the Joint Department of Defense-Department  
8 of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund  
9 upon written notification by the Secretary of Veterans Af-  
10 fairs to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses  
11 of Congress.

12 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

13 SEC. 224. Such sums as may be deposited to the  
14 Medical Care Collections Fund pursuant to section 1729A  
15 of title 38, United States Code, for healthcare provided  
16 at facilities designated as combined Federal medical facili-  
17 ties as described by section 706 of the Duncan Hunter  
18 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009  
19 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500) shall also be avail-  
20 able: (1) for transfer to the Joint Department of Defense-  
21 Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Dem-  
22 onstration Fund, established by section 1704 of the Na-  
23 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010  
24 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 3571); and (2) for oper-  
25 ations of the facilities designated as combined Federal

1 medical facilities as described by section 706 of the Dun-  
2 can Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal  
3 Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500).

4 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

5 SEC. 225. Of the amounts available in this title for  
6 “Medical Services”, “Medical Support and Compliance”,  
7 and “Medical Facilities”, a minimum of \$15,000,000 shall  
8 be transferred to the DOD–VA Health Care Sharing In-  
9 centive Fund, as authorized by section 8111(d) of title 38,  
10 United States Code, to remain available until expended,  
11 for any purpose authorized by section 8111 of title 38,  
12 United States Code.

13 (INCLUDING RESCISSIONS OF FUNDS)

14 SEC. 226. (a) Of the funds appropriated in title II  
15 of division I of Public Law 113–235, the following  
16 amounts which became available on October 1, 2015, are  
17 hereby rescinded from the following accounts in the  
18 amounts specified:

19 (1) “Department of Veterans Affairs, Medical  
20 Services”, \$1,400,000,000.

21 (2) “Department of Veterans Affairs, Medical  
22 Support and Compliance”, \$100,000,000.

23 (3) “Department of Veterans Affairs, Medical  
24 Facilities”, \$250,000,000.

1 (b) In addition to amounts provided elsewhere in this  
2 Act, an additional amount is appropriated to the following  
3 accounts in the amounts specified to remain available until  
4 September 30, 2017:

5 (1) “Department of Veterans Affairs, Medical  
6 Services”, \$1,400,000,000.

7 (2) “Department of Veterans Affairs, Medical  
8 Support and Compliance”, \$100,000,000.

9 (3) “Department of Veterans Affairs, Medical  
10 Facilities”, \$250,000,000.

11 SEC. 227. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall no-  
12 tify the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of  
13 Congress of all bid savings for a major construction  
14 project within 15 days of being identified that total at  
15 least \$5,000,000, or 5 percent of the programmed amount  
16 of the project, whichever is less.

17 SEC. 228. None of the funds made available for  
18 “Construction, Major Projects” may be used for a project  
19 in excess of the scope specified for that project in the origi-  
20 nal justification data provided to the Congress as part of  
21 the request for appropriations unless the Secretary of Vet-  
22 erans Affairs receives approval from the Committees on  
23 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

24 SEC. 229. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall  
25 submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both

1 Houses of Congress a quarterly report that contains the  
2 following information from each Veterans Benefits Admin-  
3 istration Regional Office: (1) the average time to complete  
4 a disability compensation claim; (2) the number of claims  
5 pending more than 125 days; (3) error rates; (4) the num-  
6 ber of claims personnel; (5) any corrective action taken  
7 within the quarter to address poor performance; (6) train-  
8 ing programs undertaken; (7) the number and results of  
9 Quality Review Team audits; and (8) the number of infor-  
10 mal claims that are unprocessed: *Provided*, That each  
11 quarterly report shall be submitted no later than 30 days  
12 after the end of the respective quarter.

13       SEC. 230. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall  
14 submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both  
15 Houses of Congress a reprogramming request if at any  
16 point during fiscal year 2016 the funding allocated for a  
17 medical care program that is not estimated through the  
18 Enrollee Health Care Projection Model is adjusted by  
19 more than \$25,000,000 from the allocation shown in the  
20 corresponding congressional budget justification. Amounts  
21 may only be reprogrammed as requested under this section  
22 if: (1) the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses  
23 of Congress approve the request; or (2) the Committees  
24 have not rejected the request before the date that is 15  
25 days after the date on which the request is received.





1 the Department of Veterans Affairs, including those ap-  
2 propriated for fiscal year 2016, that were provided in ad-  
3 vance by appropriations Acts: *Provided*, That transfers  
4 shall be made only with the approval of the Office of Man-  
5 agement and Budget: *Provided further*, That the transfer  
6 authority provided in this section is in addition to any  
7 other transfer authority provided by law: *Provided further*,  
8 That no amounts may be transferred from amounts that  
9 were designated by Congress as an emergency requirement  
10 pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget or the  
11 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of  
12 1985: *Provided further*, That such authority to transfer  
13 may not be used unless for higher priority items, based  
14 on emergent healthcare requirements, than those for  
15 which originally appropriated and in no case where the  
16 item for which funds are requested has been denied by  
17 Congress: *Provided further*, That, upon determination that  
18 all or part of the funds transferred from an appropriation  
19 are not necessary, such amounts may be transferred back  
20 to that appropriation and shall be available for the same  
21 purposes as originally appropriated: *Provided further*,  
22 That before a transfer may take place, the Secretary of  
23 Veterans Affairs shall request from the Committees on  
24 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress the authority  
25 to make the transfer and receive approval of that request.



1 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

2 SEC. 237. Amounts made available for the Depart-  
3 ment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2016, under the  
4 “Board of Veterans Appeals” and the “General Operating  
5 Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration” accounts  
6 may be transferred between such accounts: *Provided*, That  
7 before a transfer may take place, the Secretary of Vet-  
8 erans Affairs shall request from the Committees on Appro-  
9 priations of both Houses of Congress the authority to  
10 make the transfer and receive approval from such Com-  
11 mittees for such request.

12 (RESCISSION OF FUNDS)

13 SEC. 238. Of the unobligated balances available with-  
14 in the “DOD–VA Health Care Sharing Incentive Fund”,  
15 \$15,000,000 are hereby rescinded.

16 SEC. 239. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may not  
17 reprogram funds among major construction projects or  
18 programs if such instance of reprogramming will exceed  
19 \$5,000,000, unless such reprogramming is approved by  
20 the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-  
21 gress.

22 (RESCISSIONS OF FUNDS)

23 SEC. 240. Of the discretionary funds made available  
24 in Public Law 113–235 for the Department of Veterans  
25 Affairs for fiscal year 2016, \$197,923,000 are rescinded

1 from “Medical Services”, \$42,272,000 are rescinded from  
2 “Medical Support and Compliance”, and \$15,353,000 are  
3 rescinded from “Medical Facilities”.

4       SEC. 241. The amounts otherwise made available by  
5 this Act for the following accounts of the Department of  
6 Veterans Affairs are hereby reduced by the following  
7 amounts:

8           (1) “Veterans Benefits Administration—Vet-  
9 erans Housing Benefit Program Fund”, \$3,098,000.

10           (2) “Veterans Benefits Administration—Voca-  
11 tional Rehabilitation Loans Program Account”,  
12 \$10,000.

13           (3) “Veterans Benefits Administration—Native  
14 American Veteran Housing Loan Program Ac-  
15 count”, \$25,000.

16           (4) “Veterans Health Administration—Medical  
17 and Prosthetic Research”, \$3,109,000.

18           (5) “National Cemetery Administration”,  
19 \$1,654,000.

20           (6) “Departmental Administration—General  
21 Administration”, \$3,877,000.

22           (7) “Departmental Administration—Board of  
23 Veterans Appeals”, \$786,000.



## 1 FOREIGN CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS ACCOUNT

2 For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for,  
3 of the American Battle Monuments Commission, such  
4 sums as may be necessary, to remain available until ex-  
5 pended, for purposes authorized by section 2109 of title  
6 36, United States Code.

## 7 UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS

## 8 CLAIMS

## 9 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

10 For necessary expenses for the operation of the  
11 United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims as  
12 authorized by sections 7251 through 7299 of title 38,  
13 United States Code, \$32,141,000: *Provided*, That  
14 \$2,500,000 shall be available for the purpose of providing  
15 financial assistance as described, and in accordance with  
16 the process and reporting procedures set forth, under this  
17 heading in Public Law 102–229.

## 18 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—CIVIL

## 19 CEMETERIAL EXPENSES, ARMY

## 20 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

21 For necessary expenses for maintenance, operation,  
22 and improvement of Arlington National Cemetery and Sol-  
23 diers' and Airmen's Home National Cemetery, including  
24 the purchase or lease of passenger motor vehicles for re-  
25 placement on a one-for-one basis only, and not to exceed

1 \$1,000 for official reception and representation expenses,  
2 \$70,800,000, of which not to exceed \$5,000,000 shall re-  
3 main available until September 30, 2017. In addition,  
4 such sums as may be necessary for parking maintenance,  
5 repairs and replacement, to be derived from the “Lease  
6 of Department of Defense Real Property for Defense  
7 Agencies” account.

#### 8 ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME

#### 9 TRUST FUND

10 For expenses necessary for the Armed Forces Retire-  
11 ment Home to operate and maintain the Armed Forces  
12 Retirement Home—Washington, District of Columbia,  
13 and the Armed Forces Retirement Home—Gulfport, Mis-  
14 sissippi, to be paid from funds available in the Armed  
15 Forces Retirement Home Trust Fund, \$64,300,000, of  
16 which \$1,000,000 shall remain available until expended  
17 for construction and renovation of the physical plants at  
18 the Armed Forces Retirement Home—Washington, Dis-  
19 trict of Columbia, and the Armed Forces Retirement  
20 Home—Gulfport, Mississippi.

#### 21 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

22 SEC. 301. Funds appropriated in this Act under the  
23 heading “Department of Defense—Civil, Cemeterial Ex-  
24 penses, Army”, may be provided to Arlington County, Vir-  
25 ginia, for the relocation of the federally owned water main

1 at Arlington National Cemetery, making additional land  
2 available for ground burials.

3 SEC. 302. Amounts deposited during the current fis-  
4 cal year into the special account established under 10  
5 U.S.C. 4727 are appropriated and shall be available until  
6 expended to support activities at the Army National Mili-  
7 tary Cemeteries.

#### 8 TITLE IV

#### 9 OVERSEAS CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS

#### 10 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

#### 11 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

12 For an additional amount for “Military Construction,  
13 Navy and Marine Corps”, \$244,004,000 to remain avail-  
14 able until September 30, 2020, for projects outside of the  
15 United States: *Provided*, That such amount is designated  
16 by the Congress for Overseas Contingency Operations/  
17 Global War on Terrorism pursuant to section  
18 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
19 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

#### 20 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

21 For an additional amount for “Military Construction,  
22 Air Force” \$75,000,000 to remain available until Sep-  
23 tember 30, 2020, for projects outside of the United States:  
24 *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress  
25 for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Ter-

1 rorism pursuant to section 215(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Bal-  
2 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

3           MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, DEFENSE-WIDE

4           For an additional amount for “Military Construction,  
5 Defense-Wide”, \$212,996,000 to remain available until  
6 September 30, 2020, for projects outside of the United  
7 States: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the  
8 Congress for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global  
9 War on Terrorism pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(ii) of  
10 the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act  
11 of 1985.

12   TITLE V

13   GENERAL PROVISIONS

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

17           SEC. 502. None of the funds made available in this  
18 Act may be used for any program, project, or activity,  
19 when it is made known to the Federal entity or official  
20 to which the funds are made available that the program,  
21 project, or activity is not in compliance with any Federal  
22 law relating to risk assessment, the protection of private  
23 property rights, or unfunded mandates.

24           SEC. 503. All departments and agencies funded under  
25 this Act are encouraged, within the limits of the existing

1 statutory authorities and funding, to expand their use of  
2 “E-Commerce” technologies and procedures in the con-  
3 duct of their business practices and public service activi-  
4 ties.

5       SEC. 504. Unless stated otherwise, all reports and no-  
6 tifications required by this Act shall be submitted to the  
7 Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Af-  
8 fairs, and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appro-  
9 priations of the House of Representatives and the Sub-  
10 committee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs,  
11 and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appropriations  
12 of the Senate.

13       SEC. 505. None of the funds made available in this  
14 Act may be transferred to any department, agency, or in-  
15 strumentality of the United States Government except  
16 pursuant to a transfer made by, or transfer authority pro-  
17 vided in, this or any other appropriations Act.

18       SEC. 506. None of the funds made available in this  
19 Act may be used for a project or program named for an  
20 individual serving as a Member, Delegate, or Resident  
21 Commissioner of the United States House of Representa-  
22 tives.

23       SEC. 507. (a) Any agency receiving funds made avail-  
24 able in this Act, shall, subject to subsections (b) and (c),  
25 post on the public Web site of that agency any report re-



1 quired to be submitted by the Congress in this or any  
2 other Act, upon the determination by the head of the agen-  
3 cy that it shall serve the national interest.

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

5 (1) the public posting of the report com-  
6 promises national security; or

7 (2) the report contains confidential or propri-  
8 etary information.

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

13 SEC. 508. (a) None of the funds made available in  
14 this Act may be used to maintain or establish a computer  
15 network unless such network blocks the viewing,  
16 downloading, and exchanging of pornography.

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

21 SEC. 509. None of the funds made available in this  
22 Act may be used by an agency of the executive branch  
23 to pay for first-class travel by an employee of the agency  
24 in contravention of sections 301–10.122 through 301–  
25 10.124 of title 41, Code of Federal Regulations.

1       SEC. 510. None of the funds made available in this  
2 Act may be used to execute a contract for goods or serv-  
3 ices, including construction services, where the contractor  
4 has not complied with Executive Order No. 12989.

5       SEC. 511. None of the funds made available by this  
6 Act may be used by the Department of Defense or the  
7 Department of Veterans Affairs to lease or purchase new  
8 light duty vehicles for any executive fleet, or for an agen-  
9 cy's fleet inventory, except in accordance with Presidential  
10 Memorandum—Federal Fleet Performance, dated May  
11 24, 2011.

12       SEC. 512. (a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds ap-  
13 propriated or otherwise made available to the Department  
14 of Defense in this Act may be used to construct, renovate,  
15 or expand any facility in the United States, its territories,  
16 or possessions to house any individual detained at United  
17 States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, for the  
18 purposes of detention or imprisonment in the custody or  
19 under the control of the Department of Defense.

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

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

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

4           (2) is—

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

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

9                   SPENDING REDUCTION ACCOUNT

10          SEC. 513. The amount by which the applicable alloca-  
11          tion of new budget authority made by the Committee on  
12          Appropriations of the House of Representatives under sec-  
13          tion 302(b) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 ex-  
14          ceeds the amount of proposed new budget authority is \$0.

15          SEC. 514. The amounts otherwise provided by this  
16          Act are revised by reducing the amount made available  
17          for “Department of Veterans Affairs—Departmental Ad-  
18          ministration—Information Technology Services” (and the  
19          amount specified under such heading for operations and  
20          maintenance), and by increasing the amount made avail-  
21          able for “Veterans Health Administration—Medical Serv-  
22          ices”, by \$2,000,000.

23          SEC. 515. None of the funds made available by this  
24          Act may be used to carry out the closure or transfer of  
25          the United States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay, Cuba.

1       SEC. 516. None of the funds made available by this  
2 Act may be used to carry out the Appraised Value Offer  
3 program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

4       SEC. 517. None of the funds made available by this  
5 Act may be used by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to  
6 pay a performance award under section 5384 of title 5,  
7 United States Code.

8       SEC. 518. None of the funds made available by this  
9 Act for benefits for homeless veterans and training and  
10 outreach programs may be used by the Secretary of Vet-  
11 erans Affairs in contravention of subchapter III of chapter  
12 20 of title 38, United States Code.

13       SEC. 519. Not more than \$4,400,000 of the funds  
14 provided by this Act under the heading “Department of  
15 Veterans Affairs—Departmental Administration—Gen-  
16 eral Administration” may be used for the Office of Con-  
17 gressional and Legislative Affairs, and the amount other-  
18 wise provided under such heading is hereby reduced by  
19 \$1,500,000.

20       SEC. 520. None of the funds made available by this  
21 Act may be used to end, suspend, or relocate hospital-  
22 based services with respect to a health care facility of the  
23 Department of Veterans Affairs that is—

1           (1) the subject of an environmental impact  
2 statement in accordance with the National Environ-  
3 mental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.);

4           (2) designated as a National Historic Land-  
5 mark by the National Park Service; and

6           (3) located in a highly rural area.

7       SEC. 521. None of the funds made available by this  
8 Act may be used to propose, plan for, or execute a new  
9 or additional Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC)  
10 round.

11       SEC. 522. None of the funds made available by this  
12 Act may be used to enter into a contract with any offeror  
13 or any of its principals if the offeror certifies, as required  
14 by Federal Acquisition Regulation, that the offeror or any  
15 of its principals:

16           (A) within a 3-year period preceding this offer  
17 has been convicted of or had a civil judgment ren-  
18 dered against it for: commission of fraud or a crimi-  
19 nal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting  
20 to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or  
21 local) contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or  
22 State antitrust statutes relating to the submission of  
23 offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, for-  
24 gery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records,  
25 making false statements, tax evasion, violating Fed-

1 eral criminal tax laws, or receiving stolen property;  
2 or

3 (B) are presently indicted for, or otherwise  
4 criminally or civilly charged by a governmental enti-  
5 ty with, commission of any of the offenses enumer-  
6 ated above in subsection (A); or

7 (C) within a 3-year period preceding this offer,  
8 has been notified of any delinquent Federal taxes in  
9 an amount that exceeds \$3,000 for which the liabil-  
10 ity remains unsatisfied.

11 SEC. 523. None of the funds made available by this  
12 Act may be used in contravention of subtitle D of title  
13 VIII of the Carl Levin and Howard P. “Buck” McKeon  
14 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015.

15 SEC. 524. None of the funds made available by this  
16 Act may be used to pay an award or bonus under chapter  
17 45 or 53 of title 5, United States Code, to any employee  
18 of the Office of Construction and Facilities Management  
19 of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

20 SEC. 525. None of the funds made available by this  
21 Act may be used to pay the salary of any employee of  
22 the Department of Veterans Affairs who is a member of  
23 an Amputee Clinic Team (as described in VHA Handbook  
24 1173.3, “Amputee Clinic Teams and Artificial Limbs”,  
25 dated June 4, 2004) and who is not credentialed in ac-

1 cordance with VHA Directive 2012–030, “Credentialing  
2 of Health Care Professionals”, issued on October 11,  
3 2012.

4 SEC. 526. None of the funds made available by this  
5 Act may be used to transfer any funds from the Veterans  
6 Choice Fund established by section 802 of the Veterans  
7 Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 (Public  
8 Law 113–146; 128 Stat. 1802).

9 SEC. 527. None of the funds made available by this  
10 Act may be used to—

11 (1) carry out the memorandum from the Vet-  
12 erans Benefit Administration known as Fast Letter  
13 13–10, issued on May 20, 2013; or

14 (2) create or maintain any patient record-keep-  
15 ing system other than those currently approved by  
16 the Department of Veterans Affairs Central Office  
17 in Washington, D.C.

18 SEC. 528. For an additional amount for “Department  
19 of Veterans Affairs—Departmental Administration—Gen-  
20 eral Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administra-  
21 tion”, there is hereby appropriated, and the amount other-  
22 wise provided by this Act for “Department of Veterans  
23 Affairs—Departmental Administration—General Admin-  
24 istration” is hereby reduced by, \$5,000,000.

1        This Act may be cited as the “Military Construction  
2 and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations  
3 Act, 2016”.

Passed the House of Representatives April 30, 2015.

Attest:

*Clerk.*





114<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

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**H. R. 2029**

**AN ACT**

Making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.