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1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# S. 991

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 29 (legislative day, JUNE 19), 1995

Mr. SIMPSON (by request) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## A BILL

To amend title 38, United States Code, and other statutes, to extend VA's authority to operate various programs, collect copayments associated with provision of medical benefits, and obtain reimbursement from insurance companies for care furnished.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3       That except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in  
4       this Act an amendment is expressed in terms of an amend-  
5       ment to a section or other provision, the reference shall  
6       be considered to be made to a section or other provision  
7       of title 38, United States Code.

1        SEC. 2. Section 1720A(e) is amended by striking  
2 “1995” and inserting in lieu thereof “1997”.

3        SEC. 3. Section 1720C(a) is amended by striking  
4 “1995” and inserting in lieu thereof “1996”.

5        SEC. 4. Section 1722A(c) is amended by striking  
6 “1998” and inserting in lieu thereof “2000”.

7        SEC. 5. (a) Section 1732 is amended—

8            (1) in the heading by striking “and grants”;

9            (2) by striking subsection (b) and redesignating  
10 subsections (c) and (d) as (b) and (c);

11            (3) in subsection (b) as redesignated by striking  
12 “or grant” both places it appears;

13            (4) in subsection (c) as redesignated by striking  
14 “and to make grants”.

15        (b) The table of sections at the beginning of chapter  
16 17 is amended by revising the item relating to section  
17 1732 to read as follows:

“1732. Contracts to provide for the care and treatment of United States veter-  
ans by the Veterans Memorial Medical Center”.

18        SEC. 6. Section 3735(c) is amended by striking  
19 “1995” and inserting in lieu thereof “1997”.

20        SEC. 7. Section 7451(d)(3)(C)(iii) is amended by  
21 striking “1995” and inserting in lieu thereof “1999”.

22        SEC. 8. Section 7618 is amended by striking “1995”  
23 and inserting in lieu thereof “1999”.

1        SEC. 9. Section 8169 is amended by striking “1995”  
2 and inserting in lieu thereof “1997”.

3        SEC. 10. Section 115(d) of the Veterans’ Benefits  
4 and Services Act of 1988, Public Law 100–322, is amend-  
5 ed by striking “1995” and inserting in lieu thereof  
6 “1998”.

7        SEC. 11. Section 7(a) of Public Law 102–54 is  
8 amended by striking “1995” and inserting in lieu thereof  
9 “1998”.

10       SEC. 12. Section 8013(e) of the Omnibus Budget  
11 Reconciliation Act of 1990 (Public Law 101–508) is  
12 amended by striking “1998” and inserting in lieu thereof  
13 “2000”.

14       SEC. 13. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may carry  
15 out the major medical facility projects for the Department  
16 of Veterans Affairs, and may carry out the major medical  
17 facility leases for that Department, for which funds are  
18 requested in the budget of the President for fiscal year  
19 1996, and authorization is required under section  
20 8104(a)(2) of title 38, United States Code.

21       SEC. 14. (a) There are authorized to be appropriated  
22 to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 1996—

23                (1) \$224,800,000 for the major medical facility  
24                projects authorized in section 13; and

1           (2) \$2,790,000 for the major medical facility  
2 leases authorized in section 13.

3           (b) The projects authorized in section 13 may only  
4 be carried out using—

5           (1) funds appropriated for fiscal year 1996 pur-  
6 suant to the authorization of appropriations in sub-  
7 section (a);

8           (2) funds appropriated for Construction, Major  
9 Projects for any fiscal year that remain available for  
10 obligation; and

11           (3) funds appropriated for Construction, Major  
12 Projects for any fiscal year for a category of activity  
13 not specific to a project.

14       SEC. 15. Section 1710(e)(3) is amended to read as  
15 follows:

16           “(3) Hospital and nursing home care and medi-  
17 cal services may not be provided under or by virtue  
18 of subsection (a)(1)(G) of this section—

19                   “(A) after December 31, 1996 in the case  
20 of a veteran described in paragraph (1)(A); or

21                   “(B) after September 30, 1997 in the case  
22 of a veteran described in paragraph (1)(C).”

23       SEC. 16. Section 1712(a)(1)(D) is amended by strik-  
24 ing out “December 31, 1995” and inserting in lieu thereof  
25 “September 10, 1997”.

1        SEC. 17. Section 1729(a)(2)(E) is amended by strik-  
2    ing “1998” and inserting in lieu thereof “2000”.

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