

Union Calendar No. 283

105TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3603

[Report No. 105-490]

To authorize major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 1999, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 31, 1998

Mr. STUMP (for himself, Mr. EVANS, Mr. STEARNS, and Mr. GUTIERREZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

APRIL 22, 1998

Additional sponsors: Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. FILNER, Mr. EVERETT, and Mr. COOKSEY

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION OF MAJOR MEDICAL FACILITY**
2 **PROJECTS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
4 may carry out the following major medical facility
5 projects, with each project to be carried out in the amount
6 specified for that project:

7 (1) Alterations to facilitate consolidation of
8 services in buildings 126 and 150, and demolition of
9 seismically unsafe building 122 at the Department
10 of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Long Beach,
11 California, in an amount not to exceed \$23,200,000.

12 (2) Construction and seismic work at the De-
13 partment of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, San
14 Juan, Puerto Rico, in an amount not to exceed
15 \$50,000,000.

16 (3) Outpatient clinic expansion at the Depart-
17 ment of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Washing-
18 ton, D.C., in an amount not to exceed \$29,700,000.

19 (4) Construction of a psychogeriatric care build-
20 ing and demolition of seismically unsafe building
21 324 at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical
22 Center, Palo Alto, California, in an amount not to
23 exceed \$22,400,000.

24 (5) Construction of an ambulatory care addition
25 and renovations for ambulatory care at the Depart-
26 ment of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Cleveland

1 (Wade Park), Ohio, in an amount not to exceed
2 \$28,300,000, of which \$7,500,000 shall be derived
3 from funds appropriated for a fiscal year before fis-
4 cal year 1999 that remain available for obligation.

5 (6) Construction of an ambulatory care addition
6 at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Cen-
7 ter, Tucson, Arizona, in an amount not to exceed
8 \$35,000,000.

9 (7) Construction of an addition for psychiatric
10 care at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical
11 Center, Dallas, Texas, in an amount not to exceed
12 \$24,200,000.

13 (8) Outpatient clinic projects at Auburn and
14 Merced, California, as part of the Northern Califor-
15 nia Healthcare Systems Project, in an amount not
16 to exceed \$3,000,000, to be derived only from funds
17 appropriated for Construction, Major Projects, for a
18 fiscal year before fiscal year 1999 that remain avail-
19 able for obligation.

20 (b) CONSTRUCTION OF PARKING FACILITY.—The
21 Secretary may construct a parking structure at the De-
22 partment of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Denver, Col-
23 orado, in an amount not to exceed \$13,000,000, of which
24 \$11,900,000 shall be derived from funds in the Parking
25 Revolving Fund.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF MAJOR MEDICAL FACILITY**
2 **LEASES.**

3 The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may enter into
4 leases for satellite outpatient clinics as follows:

5 (1) Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in an amount not
6 to exceed \$1,800,000.

7 (2) Daytona Beach, Florida, in an amount not
8 to exceed \$2,600,000.

9 (3) Oakland Park, Florida, in an amount not to
10 exceed \$4,100,000.

11 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appro-
13 priated to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year
14 1999—

15 (1) for the Construction, Major Projects, ac-
16 count \$205,300,000 for the projects authorized in
17 section 1(a); and

18 (2) for the Medical Care account, \$8,500,000
19 for the leases authorized in section 2.

20 (b) LIMITATION.—(1) The projects authorized in sec-
21 tion 1(a) may only be carried out using—

22 (A) funds appropriated for fiscal year 1999
23 pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in
24 subsection (a);

1 (B) funds appropriated for Construction, Major
2 Projects, for a fiscal year before fiscal year 1999
3 that remain available for obligation; and

4 (C) funds appropriated for Construction, Major
5 Projects, for a fiscal year before fiscal year 1999 for
6 a category of activity not specific to a project.

7 (2) The project authorized in section 1(b) may only
8 be carried out using funds appropriated for a fiscal year
9 before fiscal year 1999—

10 (A) for the Parking Revolving Fund; or

11 (B) for Construction, Major Projects, for a cat-
12 egory of activity not specific to a project.

13 **SEC. 4. THRESHOLD FOR TREATMENT OF PARKING FACIL-**
14 **ITY PROJECT AS A MAJOR MEDICAL FACILITY**
15 **PROJECT.**

16 Section 8109(i)(2) of title 38, United States Code,
17 is amended by striking out “\$3,000,000” and inserting
18 “\$4,000,000”.

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