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**(Providing for reconciliation pursuant to S. Con. Res. 14, the
Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2022)**

1 **TITLE XII—COMMITTEE ON**
2 **VETERANS AFFAIRS**

3 **SEC. 12001. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS INFRA-**
4 **STRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS.**

5 In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is
6 appropriated for fiscal year 2022, out of any money in
7 the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,
8 \$15,200,000,000, to remain available until September 30,
9 2031, for facilities under the jurisdiction of, or for the use
10 of, the Department of Veterans Affairs to carry out sec-
11 tions 2400, 2403, 2404, 2406, 2407, 2412, 8101 through
12 8110, 8122, and 8161 through 8169 of title 38, United
13 States Code, taking into consideration the integration of
14 climate resiliency into infrastructure as well as the needs
15 of underserved areas and underserved veteran populations.

1 **SEC. 12002. MODIFICATIONS TO ENHANCED-USE LEASE AU-**
2 **THORITY OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**
3 **FAIRS.**

4 (a) MODIFICATIONS TO AUTHORITY.—Paragraph (2)
5 of section 8162(a) of title 38, United States Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 “(2)(A) The Secretary may enter into an enhanced-
8 use lease on or after the date of the enactment of this
9 paragraph only if the Secretary determines—

10 “(i) that the lease will not be inconsistent with,
11 and will not adversely affect—

12 “(I) the mission of the Department; or

13 “(II) the operation of facilities, programs,
14 and services of the Department in the local
15 area; and

16 “(ii) that—

17 “(I) the lease will enhance the use of the
18 leased property by directly or indirectly benefit-
19 ting veterans; or

20 “(II) the leased property will provide sup-
21 portive housing.

22 “(B) The Secretary shall give priority to enhanced-
23 use leases that, on the leased property—

24 “(i) provide supportive housing for veterans;

25 “(ii) provide direct services or benefits targeted
26 to veterans; or

1 “(iii) provide services or benefits that indirectly
2 support veterans.”.

3 (b) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts other-
4 wise available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2022,
5 out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appro-
6 priated, \$455,000,000 for the Department of Veterans Af-
7 fairs, to remain available until expended, to enter into en-
8 hanced-use leases pursuant to section 8162 of title 38,
9 United States Code, as amended by this section.

10 (c) MODIFICATION OF SUNSET.—Section 8169 of
11 such title is amended by striking “December 31, 2023”
12 and inserting “September 30, 2026”.

13 **SEC. 12003. MAJOR MEDICAL FACILITY LEASES OF THE DE-**
14 **PARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

15 (a) AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO MAJOR MEDICAL
16 FACILITY LEASES.—Paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of
17 section 8104 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

18 (1) by striking “No funds” and inserting “(A)
19 No funds”;

20 (2) by striking “or any major medical facility
21 lease”;

22 (3) by striking “or lease”; and

23 (4) by adding at the end the following new sub-
24 paragraph:

1 “(B) Funds may be appropriated for a fiscal year,
2 and the Secretary may obligate and expend funds, includ-
3 ing for advance planning and design, for any major med-
4 ical facility lease.”.

5 (b) MODIFICATION OF DEFINITION OF MAJOR MED-
6 ICAL FACILITY LEASE.—Subparagraph (B) of paragraph
7 (3) of such subsection is amended to read as follows:

8 “(B) The term ‘major medical facility lease’—

9 “(i) means a lease for space for use as a
10 new medical facility approved through the Gen-
11 eral Services Administration under section
12 3307(a)(2) of title 40 at an average annual rent
13 equal to or greater than the dollar threshold de-
14 scribed in such section, which shall be subject
15 to annual adjustment in accordance with sec-
16 tion 3307(h) of such title; and

17 “(ii) does not include a lease for space for
18 use as a shared Federal medical facility for
19 which the Department’s estimated share of the
20 lease costs does not exceed such dollar thresh-
21 old.”.

22 (c) INTERIM LEASING ACTIONS.—Such section is fur-
23 ther amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
24 section:

1 “(i)(1) The Secretary may carry out interim leasing
2 actions as the Secretary considers necessary for major
3 medical facility leases (as defined in subsection (a)(3)(B)).

4 “(2) In this subsection, the term ‘interim leasing ac-
5 tions’ has the meaning given that term by the Adminis-
6 trator of the General Services Administration.”.

7 (d) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by this
8 section shall apply with respect to a lease that has not
9 been specifically authorized by law on or before the date
10 of the enactment of this Act and is included as part of
11 the annual budget submission of the President for fiscal
12 year 2022, 2023, or 2024.

13 (e) PURCHASE OPTIONS.—The Secretary of Veterans
14 Affairs may obligate and expend funds to exercise a pur-
15 chase option included in any major medical facility lease
16 described in subsection (d).

17 (f) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts other-
18 wise available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2022,
19 out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appro-
20 priated, \$1,805,000,000, to remain available until ex-
21 pended, for major medical facility leases pursuant to sub-
22 chapter I of chapter 81 of title 38, United States Code,
23 as amended by this section, as requested in the annual
24 budget submission of the President for fiscal year 2022,
25 2023, or 2024.

1 (g) TERMINATION AND RESTORATION.—Effective
2 upon execution of the final lease award for leases de-
3 scribed in subsection (d), subsections (a) through (e) of
4 this section and the amendments made by such sub-
5 sections are repealed and any provision of law amended
6 by those subsections is restored as if those subsections had
7 not been enacted into law.

8 **SEC. 12004. INCREASE IN NUMBER OF HEALTH PROFES-**
9 **SIONS RESIDENCY POSITIONS AT DEPART-**
10 **MENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL FA-**
11 **CILITIES.**

12 (a) INCREASE.—In carrying out section 7302(a)(1)
13 of title 38, United States Code, during the seven-year pe-
14 riod beginning on the day that is one year after the date
15 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans
16 Affairs shall increase the number of health professions
17 residency positions at medical facilities of the Department
18 of Veterans Affairs by not more than 700 positions (which
19 shall be allocated among occupations included in the most
20 current determination published in the Federal Register
21 pursuant to section 7412(a) of such title, or allocated pur-
22 suant to a prioritization by the Secretary of occupations
23 in primary care, mental health care, and any other health
24 professions occupation the Secretary determines appro-

1 priate) through the establishment of such new positions
2 at—

3 (1) medical facilities where the Secretary estab-
4 lished such positions pursuant to section 301(b)(2)
5 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability
6 Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–146; 38 U.S.C. 7302
7 note); or

8 (2) any medical facility—

9 (A) the director of which expresses an in-
10 terest in establishing or expanding a health pro-
11 fessions residency program at the medical facil-
12 ity; or

13 (B) that is located in a community that
14 has a high concentration of veterans or is expe-
15 riencing a shortage of health care professionals.

16 (b) APPROPRIATIONS.—In addition to amounts other-
17 wise available, there is appropriated to the Department
18 of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2022, out of any money
19 in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,
20 \$375,000,000, to remain available until September 30,
21 2029, for the purpose of carrying out this section.

22 **SEC. 12005. VETERAN RECORDS SCANNING.**

23 In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is
24 appropriated to the Veterans Benefits Administration for
25 fiscal year 2022, out of any money in the Treasury not

1 otherwise appropriated, \$150,000,000, to remain available
2 until September 30, 2023, for costs of record scanning
3 and claims processing, to carry out sections 7701 and
4 7703 of title 38, United States Code.

5 **SEC. 12006. FUNDING FOR DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**
6 **FAIRS OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL.**

7 In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is
8 appropriated to the Office of Inspector General of the De-
9 partment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2022, out of
10 any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,
11 \$15,000,000, to remain available until September 30,
12 2031, for audits, investigations, and other oversight of
13 projects and activities carried out with funds made avail-
14 able to the Department of Veterans Affairs.