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116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend title 38, United States Code, to extend and modify certain authorities and requirements relating to the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BRINDISI (for himself and Mr. BOST) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Department of Vet-
5 erans Affairs Expiring Authorities Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY RELATING TO VENDEE**
2 **LOANS.**

3 Section 3733(a)(7) of title 38, United States Code,
4 is amended—

5 (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),
6 by striking “September 30, 2019” and inserting
7 “September 30, 2020”; and

8 (2) in subparagraph (C), by striking “Sep-
9 tember 30, 2019,” and inserting “September 30,
10 2020,”.

11 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR OPERATION OF DE-**
12 **PARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS RE-**
13 **GIONAL OFFICE IN MANILA, THE REPUBLIC**
14 **OF THE PHILIPPINES.**

15 Section 315(b) of title 38, United States Code, is
16 amended by striking “September 30, 2019” and inserting
17 “September 30, 2020”.

18 **SEC. 4. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR FINANCIAL ASSIST-**
19 **ANCE FOR SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VERY**
20 **LOW-INCOME VETERAN FAMILIES IN PERMA-**
21 **NENT HOUSING.**

22 Section 2044(e)(1)(G) of title 38, United States
23 Code, is amended by striking “fiscal year 2019” and in-
24 serting “each of fiscal years 2019 through 2021”.

1 **SEC. 5. EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY EXPANSION OF PAY-**
2 **MENTS AND ALLOWANCES FOR BENEFICIARY**
3 **TRAVEL IN CONNECTION WITH VETERANS**
4 **RECEIVING CARE FROM VET CENTERS.**

5 Section 104(a) of the Honoring America's Veterans
6 and Caring for Camp Lejeune Families Act of 2012 (Pub-
7 lic Law 112–154; 126 Stat. 1169), as most recently
8 amended by section 109 of the Department of Veterans
9 Affairs Expiring Authorities Act of 2018 (Public Law
10 115–251; 132 Stat. 3169), is amended by striking “Sep-
11 tember 30, 2019” and inserting “September 30, 2020”.

12 **SEC. 6. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.**

13 Title 38, United States Code, is amended as follows:

14 (1) In section 714(e)(2)(B), by striking “to the
15 refer” and inserting “to refer”.

16 (2) In section 1725A(c), by inserting a comma
17 after “a contract”.

18 (3) In section 3313(g)(3)(B)(ii), by inserting a
19 comma after “for books”.

20 (4) In section 3321(a)(1), by striking “Janu-
21 ary,” and inserting “January”.

22 (5) In section 3683—

23 (A) by striking “(b) (b)” and inserting
24 “(b)”;

25 (B) by striking “(c) (c)” and inserting
26 “(c)”;

1 (C) by striking “(d) (d)” and inserting
2 “(d)”.

3 (6) In section 3699(b), by striking “this para-
4 graph” and inserting “this subsection”.

5 (7) In section 7462(b)(4)(A), by inserting “no-
6 tice” after “written”.

7 (8) In section 7696(c)(1), by striking “).” and
8 inserting a period.

9 (9) In section 8104(a), by striking paragraph
10 (3) and inserting the following new paragraph (3):

11 “(3) For purposes of this subsection:

12 “(A) The term ‘major medical facility
13 project’ means a project for the construction,
14 alteration, or acquisition of a medical facility
15 involving a total expenditure of more than
16 \$20,000,000, but such term does not include an
17 acquisition by exchange, nonrecurring mainte-
18 nance projects of the Department, or the con-
19 struction, alteration, or acquisition of a shared
20 Federal medical facility for which the Depart-
21 ment’s estimated share of the project costs does
22 not exceed \$20,000,000.

23 “(B) The term ‘major medical facility
24 lease’ means a lease for space for use as a new

1 medical facility at an average annual rent of
2 more than \$1,000,000.”.