

1 **TITLE XI—COMMITTEE ON**
2 **VETERANS’ AFFAIRS**

3 **SEC. 110001. 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, \$2,317,000,000,
8 to remain available until September 30, 2031, for facilities
9 under the jurisdiction of, or for the use of, the Department
10 of Veterans Affairs to carry out sections 2400, 2403,
11 2404, 2406, 2407, 2412, 8101, 8102 (except for section
12 8102(d)), 8103 (except for super construction projects as
13 defined in section 8103(e)(3)), 8104 through 8110, 8122,
14 and 8161 through 8169 of title 38, United States Code.

15 **SEC. 110002. MODIFICATIONS TO ENHANCED-USE LEASE**
16 **AUTHORITY OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS**
17 **AFFAIRS.**

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

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

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

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

4 “(II) the operation of facilities, programs,
5 and services of the Department in the local
6 area; and

7 “(ii) that—

8 “(I) the lease will enhance the use of the
9 leased property by directly or indirectly benefit-
10 ting veterans; or

11 “(II) the leased property will provide sup-
12 portive housing.

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

15 “(i) provide supportive housing for veterans;

16 “(ii) provide direct services or benefits targeted
17 to veterans; or

18 “(iii) provide services or benefits that indirectly
19 support veterans.”.

20 (b) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts other-
21 wise available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2022,
22 out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appro-
23 priated, \$455,000,000 for the Department of Veterans Af-
24 fairs, to remain available until expended, to enter into en-

1 hanced-use leases pursuant to section 8162 of title 38,
2 United States Code, as amended by this section.

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

6 **SEC. 110003. MAJOR MEDICAL FACILITY LEASES OF THE**
7 **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

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

11 (1) by striking “No funds” and inserting “(A)
12 No funds”;

13 (2) by striking “or any major medical facility
14 lease”;

15 (3) by striking “or lease”; and

16 (4) by adding at the end the following new sub-
17 paragraph:

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

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

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

1 “(i) means a lease for space for use as a
2 new medical facility approved through the Gen-
3 eral Services Administration under section
4 3307(a)(2) of title 40 at an average annual rent
5 equal to or greater than the dollar threshold de-
6 scribed in such section, which shall be subject
7 to annual adjustment in accordance with sec-
8 tion 3307(h) of such title; and

9 “(ii) does not include a lease for space for
10 use as a shared Federal medical facility for
11 which the Department’s estimated share of the
12 lease costs does not exceed such dollar thresh-
13 old.”.

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

17 “(i)(1) The Secretary may carry out interim leasing
18 actions for major medical facility leases (as defined in sub-
19 section (a)(3)(B)).

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

23 (d) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by this
24 section shall apply with respect to a major medical facility
25 lease of the Department of Veterans Affairs that has not

1 been specifically authorized by law on or before the date
2 of the enactment of this Act and is included as part of
3 the annual budget submission of the Department of Vet-
4 erans Affairs for fiscal year 2022, 2023, or 2024.

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

9 (f) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts other-
10 wise available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2022,
11 out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appro-
12 priated, \$1,805,000,000, to remain available until ex-
13 pended, for major medical facility leases pursuant to sub-
14 chapter I of chapter 81 of title 38, United States Code,
15 as amended by this section, as requested in the annual
16 budget submission of the Department of Veterans Affairs
17 for fiscal year 2022, 2023, or 2024.

18 (g) TERMINATION AND RESTORATION.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Effective upon the date of
20 execution of the final lease award for leases de-
21 scribed in subsection (d), subsections (a) through (e)
22 of this section and the amendments made by those
23 subsections are repealed and any provision of law
24 amended by those subsections is restored as if those
25 subsections had not been enacted into law.

1 (2) NOTIFICATION.—The Secretary of Veterans
2 Affairs shall submit to Congress and the Law Revi-
3 sion Counsel of the House of Representatives written
4 notification of the date specified in paragraph (1)
5 not later than 30 days before such date.

6 **SEC. 110004. INCREASE IN NUMBER OF HEALTH PROFES-**
7 **SIONS RESIDENCY POSITIONS AT DEPART-**
8 **MENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL FA-**
9 **CILITIES.**

10 (a) INCREASE.—In carrying out section 7302(a)(1)
11 of title 38, United States Code, during the seven-year pe-
12 riod beginning on the day that is one year after the date
13 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans
14 Affairs shall increase the number of health professions
15 residency positions at medical facilities of the Department
16 of Veterans Affairs by not more than 500 new positions.

17 (b) APPROPRIATIONS.—In addition to amounts other-
18 wise available, there is appropriated to the Department
19 of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2022, out of any money
20 in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,
21 \$268,000,000, to remain available until September 30,
22 2029, for the purpose of carrying out this section.

23 **SEC. 110005. VETERAN RECORDS SCANNING.**

24 In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is
25 appropriated to the Veterans Benefits Administration for

1 fiscal year 2022, out of any money in the Treasury not
2 otherwise appropriated, \$150,000,000, to remain available
3 until September 30, 2023, for costs of record scanning
4 and claims processing, to carry out sections 7701 and
5 7703 of title 38, United States Code.

6 **SEC. 110006. FUNDING FOR DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**
7 **FAIRS OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL.**

8 In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is
9 appropriated to the Office of Inspector General of the De-
10 partment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2022, out of
11 any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,
12 \$5,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2031,
13 for audits, investigations, and other oversight of projects
14 and activities carried out with funds made available to the
15 Department of Veterans Affairs.