TITLE XI—COMMITTEE ON VETERANS’ AFFAIRS

SEC. 110001. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS INFRA-STRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2022, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $2,317,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2031, for facilities under the jurisdiction of, or for the use of, the Department of Veterans Affairs to carry out sections 2400, 2403, 2404, 2406, 2407, 2412, 8101, 8102 (except for section 8102(d)), 8103 (except for super construction projects as defined in section 8103(e)(3)), 8104 through 8110, 8122, and 8161 through 8169 of title 38, United States Code.

SEC. 110002. MODIFICATIONS TO ENHANCED-USE LEASE AUTHORITY OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

(a) Modifications to Authority.—Paragraph (2) of section 8162(a) of title 38, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(2)(A) The Secretary may enter into an enhanced-use lease on or after the date of the enactment of this paragraph only if the Secretary determines—
“(i) that the lease will not be inconsistent with, and will not adversely affect—

“(I) the mission of the Department; or

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

“(ii) that—

“(I) the lease will enhance the use of the leased property by directly or indirectly benefitting veterans; or

“(II) the leased property will provide supportive housing.

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

“(i) provide supportive housing for veterans;

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

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

(b) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2022, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $455,000,000 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, to remain available until expended, to enter into en-
hanced-use leases pursuant to section 8162 of title 38, United States Code, as amended by this section.

(c) Modification of Sunset.—Section 8169 of such title is amended by striking “December 31, 2023” and inserting “September 30, 2026”.

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

(a) Authority To Enter Into Major Medical Facility Leases.—Paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of section 8104 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

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

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

(3) by striking “or lease”; and

(4) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(B) Funds may be appropriated for a fiscal year, and the Secretary may obligate and expend funds, including for advance planning and design, for any major medical facility lease.”.

(b) Modification of Definition of Major Medical Facility Lease.—Subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) of such subsection is amended to read as follows:

“(B) The term ‘major medical facility lease’—
“(i) means a lease for space for use as a new medical facility approved through the General Services Administration under section 3307(a)(2) of title 40 at an average annual rent equal to or greater than the dollar threshold described in such section, which shall be subject to annual adjustment in accordance with section 3307(h) of such title; and

“(ii) does not include a lease for space for use as a shared Federal medical facility for which the Department’s estimated share of the lease costs does not exceed such dollar threshold.”.

(e) INTERIM LEASING ACTIONS.—Such section is further amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

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

“(2) In this subsection, the term ‘interim leasing actions’ has the meaning given that term by the Administrator of the General Services Administration.”.

(d) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to a major medical facility lease of the Department of Veterans Affairs that has not
been specifically authorized by law on or before the date
of the enactment of this Act and is included as part of
the annual budget submission of the Department of Vet-
erans Affairs for fiscal year 2022, 2023, or 2024.

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

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

(g) TERMINATION AND RESTORATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Effective upon the date of
execution of the final lease award for leases de-
scribed in subsection (d), subsections (a) through (e)
of this section and the amendments made by those
subsections are repealed and any provision of law
amended by those subsections is restored as if those
subsections had not been enacted into law.
(2) NOTIFICATION.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to Congress and the Law Revision Counsel of the House of Representatives written notification of the date specified in paragraph (1) not later than 30 days before such date.

SEC. 110004. INCREASE IN NUMBER OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS RESIDENCY POSITIONS AT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL FACILITIES.

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

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

SEC. 110005. VETERAN RECORDS SCANNING.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Veterans Benefits Administration for
fiscal year 2022, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $150,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2023, for costs of record scanning and claims processing, to carry out sections 7701 and 7703 of title 38, United States Code.

SEC. 110006. FUNDING FOR DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL.

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