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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 AND MAJOR MEDICAL FACILITY**  
3 **LEASES.**

4 (a) PROJECTS AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of Vet-  
5 erans Affairs may carry out the major medical facility  
6 projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs, and may  
7 carry out the major medical facility leases for that Depart-  
8 ment, for which funds are requested in the budget of the  
9 President for fiscal year 1995. The authorization in the  
10 preceding sentence applies to projects and leases which  
11 have not been authorized, or for which funds have not  
12 been appropriated, in any fiscal year before fiscal year  
13 1995 and to projects and leases which have been author-  
14 ized, or for which funds were appropriated, in fiscal years  
15 before fiscal year 1995.

16 (b) ADDITIONAL PROJECTS.—(1) In addition to the  
17 projects authorized in subsection (a), the Secretary may  
18 carry out the following major medical facility projects in  
19 the amounts specified for such projects:

20 (A) The projects that are proposed in the docu-  
21 ments submitted to Congress by the Secretary of  
22 Veterans Affairs in conjunction with the budget of  
23 the President for fiscal year 1995 to be financed  
24 with funds from the proposed Health Care Invest-  
25 ment Fund.

1 (B) Construction of a nursing home facility at  
2 the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center  
3 in Charleston, South Carolina, \$7,300,000.

4 (C) Construction of an outpatient care addition  
5 at the Department of Veterans Affairs medical cen-  
6 ter in Phoenix, Arizona, \$50,000,000.

7 (2) The authorizations in subparagraphs (A), (B),  
8 and (C) of paragraph (1) apply to projects which have not  
9 been authorized, or for which funds have not been appro-  
10 priated, in any fiscal year before fiscal year 1995 and to  
11 projects which have been authorized, or for which funds  
12 were appropriated, in fiscal years before fiscal year 1995.

13 (c) PROJECTS FOR WHICH FUNDS APPROPRIATED.—  
14 In addition to the projects authorized in subsections (a)  
15 and (b), the Secretary may carry out the following major  
16 medical facility projects for which funds were appropriated  
17 in chapter 7 of the Emergency Supplemental Appropria-  
18 tions Act of 1994 (title I of Public Law 103–211; 108  
19 Stat. 10) in the amounts specified:

20 (1) Construction of an ambulatory care/support  
21 services facility at the Department of Veterans Af-  
22 fairs Medical Center in Sepulveda, California,  
23 \$53,700,000.

24 (2) Other major medical facility projects re-  
25 quired to repair, restore, or replace earthquake-dam-

1 aged facilities at the Department of Veterans Affairs  
2 Medical Center in Sepulveda, California,  
3 \$50,000,000.

4 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appro-  
6 priated to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year  
7 1995—

8 (1) \$395,000,000 for the major medical facility  
9 projects authorized in subsections (a) and (b) of sec-  
10 tion 1; and

11 (2) \$15,900,000 for the major medical facility  
12 leases authorized in section 1(a).

13 (b) LIMITATION.—The projects authorized in sub-  
14 sections (a) and (b) of section 1 may only be carried out  
15 using—

16 (1) funds appropriated for fiscal year 1995 pur-  
17 suant to the authorization of appropriations in sub-  
18 section (a);

19 (2) funds appropriated for Construction, Major  
20 Projects for a fiscal year before fiscal year 1995 that  
21 remain available for obligation; and

22 (3) funds appropriated for Construction, Major  
23 Projects for fiscal year 1995 for a category of activ-  
24 ity not specific to a project.

1 (c) LIMITATION ON CERTAIN PROJECTS.—The  
2 projects authorized in subsection (c) of section 1 may only  
3 be carried out using—

4 (1) funds appropriated to the Construction,  
5 Major Projects account under chapter 7 of the  
6 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act of  
7 1994 (title I of Public Law 103–211; 108 Stat. 10)  
8 and funds transferred by the President to the Con-  
9 struction, Major Projects account pursuant to chap-  
10 ter 8 of that Act (108 Stat. 14);

11 (2) funds appropriated to the Medical Care ac-  
12 count by chapter 7 of the Emergency Supplemental  
13 Appropriations Act of 1994 that are transferred to  
14 the Construction, Major Projects account;

15 (3) funds appropriated to the Construction,  
16 Major Projects account for a fiscal year before fiscal  
17 year 1994 that remain available for obligation; and

18 (4) funds appropriated to the Construction,  
19 Major Projects account for fiscal year 1994 for a  
20 category of activity not specific to a project.

21 **SEC. 3. WAIVER OF CONGRESSIONAL WAITING PERIOD RE-**  
22 **QUIREMENT FOR A SPECIFIED ADMINISTRA-**  
23 **TIVE REORGANIZATION.**

24 (a) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may  
25 undertake the administrative reorganization described in

1 subsection (b) of this section without regard to the waiting  
2 period requirement of section 510(b) of title 38, United  
3 States Code.

4 (b) COVERED ADMINISTRATIVE REORGANIZATION.—  
5 The administrative reorganization referred to in sub-  
6 section (a) of this section is a reorganization at the De-  
7 partment of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Sepul-  
8 veda, California, necessitated by the January 1994 earth-  
9 quake damage at that location, as described in the letters  
10 dated April 25, 1994, and the accompanying detailed plan  
11 and justification, submitted by the Secretary of Veterans  
12 Affairs to the chairmen of the Committees on Veterans'  
13 Affairs of the Senate and the House of Representatives  
14 pursuant to section 510(b) of title 38, United States Code.

Passed the Senate August 19 (legislative day, Au-  
gust 18), 1994.

Attest:

*Secretary.*