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2^D SESSION

H. R. 3603

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 20, 1998

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

AN ACT

To authorize major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 1999, and for other purposes.

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.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
4 may carry out the following major medical facility
5 projects, with each project to be carried out in the amount
6 specified for that project:

7 (1) Alterations to facilitate consolidation of
8 services in buildings 126 and 150, and demolition of
9 seismically unsafe building 122 at the Department
10 of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Long Beach,
11 California, in an amount not to exceed \$23,200,000.

12 (2) Construction and seismic work at the De-
13 partment of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, San
14 Juan, Puerto Rico, in an amount not to exceed
15 \$50,000,000.

16 (3) Outpatient clinic expansion at the Depart-
17 ment of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Washing-
18 ton, D.C., in an amount not to exceed \$29,700,000.

19 (4) Construction of a psychogeriatric care build-
20 ing and demolition of seismically unsafe building
21 324 at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical
22 Center, Palo Alto, California, in an amount not to
23 exceed \$22,400,000.

24 (5) Construction of an ambulatory care addition
25 and renovations for ambulatory care at the Depart-
26 ment of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Cleveland

1 (Wade Park), Ohio, in an amount not to exceed
2 \$28,300,000, of which \$7,500,000 shall be derived
3 from funds appropriated for a fiscal year before fis-
4 cal year 1999 that remain available for obligation.

5 (6) Construction of an ambulatory care addition
6 at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Cen-
7 ter, Tucson, Arizona, in an amount not to exceed
8 \$35,000,000.

9 (7) Construction of an addition for psychiatric
10 care at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical
11 Center, Dallas, Texas, in an amount not to exceed
12 \$24,200,000.

13 (8) Outpatient clinic projects at Auburn and
14 Merced, California, as part of the Northern Califor-
15 nia Healthcare Systems Project, in an amount not
16 to exceed \$3,000,000, to be derived only from funds
17 appropriated for Construction, Major Projects, for a
18 fiscal year before fiscal year 1999 that remain avail-
19 able for obligation.

20 (b) CONSTRUCTION OF PARKING FACILITY.—The
21 Secretary may construct a parking structure at the De-
22 partment of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Denver, Col-
23 orado, in an amount not to exceed \$13,000,000, of which
24 \$11,900,000 shall be derived from funds in the Parking
25 Revolving Fund.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF MAJOR MEDICAL FACILITY**
2 **LEASES.**

3 The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may enter into
4 leases for satellite outpatient clinics as follows:

5 (1) Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in an amount not
6 to exceed \$1,800,000.

7 (2) Daytona Beach, Florida, in an amount not
8 to exceed \$2,600,000.

9 (3) Oakland Park, Florida, in an amount not to
10 exceed \$4,100,000.

11 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appro-
13 priated to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year
14 1999—

15 (1) for the Construction, Major Projects, ac-
16 count \$205,300,000 for the projects authorized in
17 section 1(a); and

18 (2) for the Medical Care account, \$8,500,000
19 for the leases authorized in section 2.

20 (b) LIMITATION.—(1) The projects authorized in sec-
21 tion 1(a) may only be carried out using—

22 (A) funds appropriated for fiscal year 1999
23 pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in
24 subsection (a);

1 (B) funds appropriated for Construction, Major
2 Projects, for a fiscal year before fiscal year 1999
3 that remain available for obligation; and

4 (C) funds appropriated for Construction, Major
5 Projects, for a fiscal year before fiscal year 1999 for
6 a category of activity not specific to a project.

7 (2) The project authorized in section 1(b) may only
8 be carried out using funds appropriated for a fiscal year
9 before fiscal year 1999—

10 (A) for the Parking Revolving Fund; or

11 (B) for Construction, Major Projects, for a cat-
12 egory of activity not specific to a project.

13 **SEC. 4. THRESHOLD FOR TREATMENT OF PARKING FACIL-**
14 **ITY PROJECT AS A MAJOR MEDICAL FACILITY**
15 **PROJECT.**

16 Section 8109(i)(2) of title 38, United States Code,
17 is amended by striking out “\$3,000,000” and inserting
18 “\$4,000,000”.

19 **SEC. 5. PROCEDURES FOR NAMING OF PROPERTY BY SEC-**
20 **RETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 5 of title
22 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end
23 the following new section:

1 **“§ 530. Procedures for naming property**

2 “(a) If the Secretary proposes to designate the name
3 of any property of the Department other than for the geo-
4 graphic area in which that property is located, the Sec-
5 retary shall conduct a public hearing before making the
6 designation. The hearing shall be conducted in the com-
7 munity in which the property is located. At the hearing,
8 the Secretary shall receive the views of veterans service
9 organizations and other interested parties regarding the
10 proposed name of the property.

11 “(b) Before conducting such a hearing, the Secretary
12 shall provide reasonable notice of the proposed designation
13 and of the hearing. The notice shall include—

14 “(1) the time and place of the hearing;

15 “(2) identification of the property proposed to
16 be named; and

17 “(3) identification of the proposed name for the
18 property;

19 “(c)(1) If after a hearing under subsection (a) the
20 Secretary intends to name the property involved other
21 than for the geographic area in which that property is lo-
22 cated, the Secretary shall notify the congressional veter-
23 ans’ affairs committees of the Secretary’s intention to so
24 name the property and shall publish a notice of such inten-
25 tion in the Federal Register.

1 “(2) The Secretary may not designate the property
2 with a name for which a notice was published in the Fed-
3 eral Register pursuant to paragraph (1) until the end of
4 a 60-day period of continuous session of Congress follow-
5 ing the date of the submission of notice under paragraph
6 (1). For purposes of the preceding sentence, continuity of
7 a session of Congress is broken only by an adjournment
8 sine die, and there shall be excluded from the computation
9 of such 60-day period any day during which either House
10 of Congress is not in session during an adjournment of
11 more than three days to a day certain.

12 “(3) Each notice under paragraph (1) shall include
13 the following:

14 “(A) An identification of the property involved.

15 “(B) An explanation of the background of, and
16 rationale for, the proposed name.

17 “(C) A summary of the views expressed by in-
18 terested parties at the public hearing conducted in
19 connection with the proposed name, together with a
20 summary of the Secretary’s evaluation of those
21 views.”.

22 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
23 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting
24 after the item relating to section 529 the following new
25 item:

“530. Procedures for naming property.”.

1 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Section 530 of title 38,
2 United States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall take
3 effect as of January 1, 1998.

Passed the House of Representatives May 19, 1998.

Attest:

ROBIN H. CARLE,

Clerk.