

AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-54
OFFERED BY MR. GRAVES OF LOUISIANA

At the end of title LI, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 51___ . MAJOR MEDICAL FACILITY LEASES OF THE DE-**
2 **PARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

3 (a) **AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO MAJOR MEDICAL**
4 **FACILITY LEASES.**—Paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of
5 section 8104 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

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

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

10 (3) by striking “or lease”; and

11 (4) by adding at the end the following new sub-
12 paragraph:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 (g) **TERMINATION AND RESTORATION.**—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Effective upon the date of
2 execution of the final lease award for leases de-
3 scribed in subsection (d), subsections (a) through (e)
4 of this section and the amendments made by those
5 subsections are repealed and any provision of law
6 amended by those subsections is restored as if those
7 subsections had not been enacted into law.

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

