

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 9237**  
**OFFERED BY MR. BOST OF ILLINOIS**

Strike section 101 and insert the following:

**1 SEC. 101. MAJOR RICHARD STAR ACT.**

2 (a) CONCURRENT RECEIPT GENERALLY.—Section  
3 1414(b) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by  
4 striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following new  
5 paragraphs:

6 “(2) COMBAT-RELATED DISABILITY RETIR-  
7 EES.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A member retired  
9 under chapter 61 of this title with a combat-re-  
10 lated disability who is entitled for any month to  
11 retired pay under chapter 61 of this title and  
12 is also entitled for that month to veterans’ dis-  
13 ability compensation under title 38, is entitled  
14 to be paid both without regard to sections 5304  
15 and 5305 of title 38, as provided by subpara-  
16 graphs (B) and (C).

17 “(B) CAREER RETIREES.—In the case of a  
18 member retired under chapter 61 of this title  
19 who has a combat-related disability that is not  
20 a qualifying service-connected disability (as de-

1            fined in subsection (a)(2)) and who, at the time  
2            of the member's retirement, had 20 years or  
3            more of service otherwise creditable under sec-  
4            tion 1405 of this title or at least 20 years of  
5            qualifying and equivalent service computed  
6            under sections 12732 and 12733 of this title,  
7            the member may receive, without regard to sec-  
8            tions 5304 and 5305 of title 38, both—

9                       “(i) the amount of retired pay to  
10            which the member would have been enti-  
11            tled under any other provision of law based  
12            on the member's service in the uniformed  
13            services if the member had not been retired  
14            under chapter 61 of this title; and

15                       “(ii) veterans' disability compensation  
16            under title 38.

17                       “(C) DISABILITY RETIREES WITH LESS  
18            THAN 20 YEARS OF SERVICE.—In the case of a  
19            member retired under chapter 61 of this title  
20            with a combat-related disability and who, at the  
21            time of the member's retirement, had less than  
22            20 years of service otherwise creditable under  
23            section 1405 of this title or less than 20 years  
24            of qualifying and equivalent service computed  
25            under sections 12732 and 12733 of this title,

1 the member may receive, without regard to sec-  
2 tions 5304 and 5305 of title 38, the lesser of—

3 “(i) both—

4 “(I) the retired pay for which the  
5 member is eligible under chapter 61  
6 of this title; and

7 “(II) veterans’ disability com-  
8 pensation under title 38; or

9 “(ii) both—

10 “(I) an amount equal to the  
11 product of the retired pay base com-  
12 puted under section 1406(b) or 1407  
13 of this title and the retired pay multi-  
14 plier determined under section 1409  
15 of this title, as such base pay and  
16 multiplier would be computed if the  
17 member had 20 years of service cred-  
18 itable under section 1405 of this title;  
19 and

20 “(II) veterans’ disability com-  
21 pensation under title 38.

22 “(D) COMBAT-RELATED DISABILITY DE-  
23 FINED.—In this paragraph, the term ‘combat-  
24 related disability’ has the meaning given that  
25 term in subsection (e) of section 1413a of this

1 title and as determined under the criteria and  
2 procedures used for purposes of such section.

3 “(3) EXCLUSION OF OTHER RETIREES.—Sub-  
4 section (a) does not apply to a member retired under  
5 chapter 61 of this title if the member is not covered  
6 by paragraph (1) or (2).”.

7 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

8 (1) COORDINATION WITH COMBAT-RELATED  
9 SPECIAL COMPENSATION PROGRAM.—Section  
10 1414(d) of title 10, United States Code, is amended  
11 by striking “qualified retiree under this section” and  
12 inserting “qualified retiree under subsection (a) or is  
13 entitled to a payment under subsection (b)(2)”.

14 (2) AMENDMENTS REFLECTING END OF CON-  
15 CURRENT RECEIPT PHASE-IN PERIOD.—Section  
16 1414 of title 10, United States Code, is further  
17 amended—

18 (A) in subsection (a)(1)—

19 (i) by striking the second sentence;

20 and

21 (ii) by striking subparagraphs (A) and

22 (B);

23 (B) by striking subsection (e) and redesignig-  
24 nating subsections (d) and (e) as subsections  
25 (c) and (d), respectively; and

1 (C) in subsection (d), as redesignated, by  
2 striking paragraphs (3) and (4).

3 (3) SECTION HEADING.—The heading of section  
4 1414 of such title is amended to read as follows:

5 **“§ 1414. Members eligible for retired pay who are also**  
6 **eligible for veterans’ disability compensa-**  
7 **tion: concurrent receipt”.**

8 (4) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section  
9 1413a(f) of such title is amended by striking “Sub-  
10 section (d)” and inserting “Subsection (c)”.

11 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
12 this section shall apply to payments for months beginning  
13 on or after the date of the enactment of the Take Care  
14 of America’s Veterans Act.

Page 12, strike line 4 through page 13, line 12 and  
insert the following:

15 (b) CONTINUED ELIGIBILITY FOR SURVIVOR BEN-  
16 EFIT PLAN FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES WHO REMARRY.—  
17 Section 1450 of title 10, United States Code, is amend-  
18 ed—

19 (1) in subsection (b)—

20 (A) in the section heading, by striking “,  
21 REMARRIAGE BEFORE AGE 55, ETC.”;

22 (B) in paragraph (2)—

1 (i) in the paragraph heading, by strik-  
2 ing “OR REMARRIAGE BEFORE AGE 55”;  
3 and

4 (ii) by striking “or, if the surviving  
5 spouse or former spouse remarries before  
6 reaching age 55, until the surviving spouse  
7 or former spouse remarries”; and

8 (C) by striking paragraph (3) and insert-  
9 ing the following new paragraphs:

10 “(3) EFFECT OF TERMINATION OF SUBSE-  
11 QUENT MARRIAGE.—If the surviving spouse or  
12 former spouse remarries and is also entitled to an  
13 annuity under the Plan based upon the subsequent  
14 marriage when the subsequent marriage is termi-  
15 nated, the surviving spouse or former spouse may  
16 not receive both annuities and shall elect which an-  
17 nuity to receive.

18 “(4) RESTORATION OF ANNUITY FOR CERTAIN  
19 SURVIVING SPOUSES.—In the case of a surviving  
20 spouse who remarried before reaching age 55 and  
21 before the date of the enactment of this paragraph,  
22 the Secretary shall resume payment of the annuity  
23 to that surviving spouse—

24 “(A) except as provided by subparagraph  
25 (B), for each month that begins on or after the

1 date that is one year after such date of enact-  
2 ment; or

3 “(B) on the first day of the first month be-  
4 ginning after such date of enactment, in the  
5 case of a surviving spouse who elected to trans-  
6 fer payment of that annuity to a surviving child  
7 or children under the provisions of section  
8 1448(d)(2)(B) of title 10, United States Code,  
9 as in effect on December 31, 2019.”; and  
10 (2) in subsection (k)(1)—

11 (A) in the paragraph heading, by striking  
12 “IF BENEFICIARY 55 YEARS OF AGE OR MORE”;

13 (B) by striking “subsequently loses” and  
14 inserting “lost”; and

15 (C) by striking “, and if at the time of  
16 such remarriage the surviving spouse or former  
17 spouse is 55 years of age or more” after  
18 “former spouse”.

Page 17, line 12, insert “(1) MODIFICATION.—” be-  
fore “Section” and adjust the margins accordingly.

Page 17, lines 14 through 16, redesignate para-  
graphs (1) and (2) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), re-  
spectively and adjust the margins accordingly.

Page 17, after line 17, insert the following:

1           (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made  
2           by paragraph (1) shall take effect on October 1,  
3           2026.

Page 18, line 3, strike “has the meanings as follows” and insert “has the following meanings”.

Page 18, line 5, strike “members” and insert “a member”.

Page 18, line 7, insert “of this title” before the period.

Page 19, line 1, strike “, full-time service”.

Page 19, line 6, insert “or” after the semicolon.

Page 19, line 7, strike “in the National Guard when performing”.

Page 19, line 9, strike “; or” and insert a period.

Page 19, strike lines 10 through 12.

Page 28, strike line 3 through page 29, line 4, and insert the following:

4           (A) AUTHORITY TO AGGREGATE CLAIMS.—  
5           Section 7104(a) of title 38, United States Code,  
6           is amended—  
7                   (i) by inserting “(1)” before the first  
8           sentence; and

1 (ii) by adding at the end the following  
2 new paragraphs:

3 “(2)(A) Subject to subparagraph (B), the Chairman  
4 of the Board may aggregate appeals that the Chairman  
5 determines involve a common question of law or fact to  
6 decide such question.

7 “(B) The authority under subparagraph (A) shall be  
8 effective during the period of three years beginning on the  
9 day that is 90 days after the Secretary submits to the  
10 Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and House  
11 of Representatives a copy of policies and procedures pur-  
12 suant to section 105(b)(7)(D)(i)(II) of the Take Care of  
13 America’s Veterans Act.”.

Page 49, line 9, strike “section 3(d)(2)(A)” and in-  
sert “subsection (b)(4)(B)(i)”.

Page 58, line 3, strike “processors” and insert  
“processor”.

Page 61, line 5, strike “after the date of the enact-  
ment of this Act” and insert “on or after October 1,  
2026”.

Page 63, line 24, insert “the day that is” before “15  
months after”.

Page 73, line 20, insert “the” after “of”.

Page 74, line 4, strike “Departments”.

Page 80, line 18, insert “11” after “chapter”.

Page 88, line 14, strike “include” and insert “includes”.

Page 94, line 10, strike “date described” and insert “day described”.

Page 109, line 8, strike “by following” and insert “the following”.

Page 110, line 9, strike “and House” and insert “and the House”.

Page 115, line 18, strike “and House” and insert “and the House”.

Page 116, line 2, strike “a invoice” and insert “an invoice”.

Page 116, line 17, strike “the day” and insert “the date on which”.

Page 117, line 25, strike “and Senate” and insert “and the Senate”.

Page 121, line 13, strike “(i)(1)” and insert “(i) MECHANISM FOR TAILORED LINES OF COMMUNICATION.—(1)”.

Page 121, line 16, strike “of Veterans”.

Page 125, line 3 strike “In the case of a member described in subsection (a) whom the Secretary determined as tier 3 status the Secretary concerned shall, before the member separates, retires, or is discharged,” and insert “Before a member described in subsection (a)(1)(B)(ii) separates, retires, or is discharged, the Secretary concerned shall”

Page 125, strike line 23 through page 126, line 3.

Page 126, line 17, add “Such a report shall also include the following:” at the end.

Page 127, strike lines 11 through 15.

Page 128, strike lines 1 through 5.

Page 128, line 18, insert “General” after “Comptroller”.

Page 136, line 24, insert “in” before “a case”.

Page 140, beginning on line 17, strike “Supporting Rural Veterans Access to Healthcare Services Act” and insert “Take Care of America’s Veterans Act”.

Page 140, beginning on line 20, strike “paragraph (2)” and insert “paragraph (3)”.

Page 142, line 13, strike “by adding at the end the following new subsection” and insert an em dash.

Page 142, after line 13, insert the following:

- 1 (A) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
- 2 section (e); and
- 3 (B) by inserting after subsection (c) the
- 4 following new subsection (d):

Page 142, line 14, strike “(e)” and insert “(d)”.

Page 166, beginning on line 17, strike “**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ASSIGNMENT OF TRAVELING PHYSICIANS TO SERVE TERRITORIES AND POSSESSIONS**” and insert “**ASSIGNMENT OF TRAVELING PHYSICIANS TO SERVE TERRITORIES, POSSESSIONS, AND FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES**”.

Page 167, line 7, insert “, or the Freely Associated States (as such term ins defined in section 1724(f) of this title),” after “United States”.

Page 167, beginning on line 9, strike “territory or possession” and insert “territory, possession, or Freely Associated State”.

Page 171, line 25, strike “paragraph” and insert “paragraphs”.

Page 173, line 12, strike “DEPARTMENT” and insert “DEPARTMENT”.

Page 183, line 10, strike the period and insert a semicolon.

Page 190, strike lines 17 through 19.

Page 190, line 20, through page 193, line 7, redesignate paragraphs (1) through (6) as subsections (a) through (f), respectively, and adjust the margins accordingly.

Page 191, lines 9 through 15, redesignate subparagraphs (A) and (B) as paragraphs (1) and (2), respectively, and adjust the margins accordingly.

Page 191, line 6, strike “paragraph (1)” and insert “subsection (a)”.

Page 191, line 17, strike “paragraphs (1) and (2)” and insert “subsections (a) and (b)”.

Page 191, line 18, through page 192, line 2, redesignate subparagraphs (A) through (C) as paragraphs (1) through (3), respectively, and adjust the margins accordingly.

Page 191, line 25, strike “subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (2)” and insert “paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (b)”.

Page 192, line 14, strike “paragraph (1)” and insert “subsection (a)”.

Page 192, beginning on line 15, strike “subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (2)” and insert “paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (b)”.

Page 193, strike line 8 through the end of the page.

Page 200, line 23, strike “regards” and insert “regard”.

Page 202, strike lines 6 through 13 and insert the following:

- 1 (a) OVERSIGHT.—
- 2 (1) JUSTIFICATION.—Section 8111 of title 38,
- 3 United States Code, is amended, in subsection (a)—
- 4 (A) by striking “The Secretary” and in-
- 5 serting “(1) To the extent practicable, the Sec-
- 6 retary”; and

Page 202, strike line 24 and all that follows through page 204, line 8, and insert the following:

1           (2) INFORMATION.—Such section is further  
2           amended by inserting, after subsection (b), the fol-  
3           lowing new subsection (c):

4           “(c) INFORMATION.—(1) If the Committee on Vet-  
5           erans’ Affairs of the House of Representatives or the Sen-  
6           ate requests information from the Secretary of Veterans  
7           Affairs regarding this section, the Secretary shall provide  
8           such information in the form requested by such com-  
9           mittee, including underlying records, datasets, methodolo-  
10          gies, contracts, and communications, and may not be lim-  
11          ited to summaries or briefing materials in lieu of original  
12          source documents unless authorized by the requesting  
13          committee.

14          “(2) In response to such a request, no official or em-  
15          ployee of the Department of Veterans Affairs shall—

16                 “(A) withhold, screen, or alter responsive infor-  
17                 mation;

18                 “(B) delay or condition production on initial  
19                 clearance or political review;

20                 “(C) require a nondisclosure agreement unless  
21                 required by law;

22                 “(D) substitute summaries for requested  
23                 records; or

24                 “(E) otherwise impede or interfere with direct  
25                 transmission of information to the Committee on

1 Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives or  
2 the Senate.

3 “(3) If, in responding to such a request, the Sec-  
4 retary determines that any such information is classified,  
5 the Secretary shall make arrangements to present such in-  
6 formation to the Chair and Ranking Member of such com-  
7 mittee using appropriate security measures.”.

8 (3) EXTENSION.—Such section is further  
9 amended, in subsection (d)(3), by striking “Sep-  
10 tember 30, 2026” and inserting “September 30,  
11 2027”.

Page 205, line 3, insert “the” before “date”.

Page 213, line 6, insert a comma after “utilization”.

Page 220, line 18, insert “of Veterans Affairs” after  
“Secretary”.

Page 230, line 1, strike “sources” and insert “serv-  
ices”.

Page 234, line 12, strike “subsection (a)” and insert  
“paragraph (1)”.

Page 240, line 21, strike “comprehensive operational  
and technology assessment” and insert “comprehensive,  
independent, operational, and technological assessment  
for the implementation”.

Page 249, line 21, strike “codes” and insert “Codes”.

Page 258, line 13, strike “The term ‘Fisher house’ means” and insert “The term ‘Fisher House’ means”.

Page 258, line 11, strike “, including members of the armed services regardless of duty status”.

Page 258, line 23, strike “, Inc”.

Strike sections 321 and 322, insert the following new section 321, and redesignate sections 323 through 332 as sections 322 through 331, respectively:

1 **SEC. 321. STUDY ON QUALITY OF MENTAL HEALTH AND AD-**  
2 **DICTION THERAPY CARE PROVIDED BY**  
3 **HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS OF DEPARTMENT**  
4 **OF VETERANS AFFAIRS COMPARED TO NON-**  
5 **DEPARTMENT PROVIDERS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the  
7 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Vet-  
8 erans Affairs shall seek to enter into an agreement with  
9 an independent and objective academic organization or re-  
10 search institute with demonstrated expertise in evaluating  
11 health outcomes inside and outside the Department of  
12 Veterans Affairs under which that organization shall—

13 (1) conduct a comparative study, subject to ap-  
14 plicable Federal privacy laws, that evaluates the

1 quality of mental health and addiction therapy care  
2 furnished under laws administered by the Secretary,  
3 by providers of the Department and by non-Depart-  
4 ment providers, across a range of treatment modaliti-  
5 ties, including telehealth, in-patient, intensive out-  
6 patient, out-patient, and residential treatment; and

7 (2) submit to the Committee on Veterans' Af-  
8 fairs of the Senate and the Committee on Veterans'  
9 Affairs of the House of Representatives, and publish  
10 on a publicly available website, a report containing  
11 the final results of such study.

12 (b) TIMING.—The Secretary shall ensure that the or-  
13 ganization with which the Secretary enters into an agree-  
14 ment pursuant to subsection (a) completes the study and  
15 submits the required report not later than 18 months after  
16 the date on which the agreement is executed.

17 (c) ELEMENTS.—The report submitted pursuant to  
18 subsection (a)(2) shall include an assessment of the fol-  
19 lowing:

20 (1) The degree of symptom improvement among  
21 veterans receiving care from such Department and  
22 non-Department providers across telehealth, in-pa-  
23 tient, intensive outpatient, outpatient, and residen-  
24 tial modalities. For each setting, symptom changes  
25 shall be measured between intake and discharge (for

1 inpatient, intensive-outpatient, and residential pro-  
2 grams) and between initiation of care and five  
3 months thereafter (for outpatient programs). Sympt-  
4 tom scores shall be obtained for—

5 (A) Post-traumatic stress disorder, using  
6 the Clinician-Administered PTSD Scale and the  
7 PTSD Checklist;

8 (B) depression, using the Patient Health  
9 Questionnaire-9;

10 (C) substance use disorder, using the Brief  
11 Addiction Monitor; and

12 (D) suicidality, using the Columbia-Suicide  
13 Severity Rating Scale.

14 (2) Treatment-fidelity scores, derived from elec-  
15 tronic health record documentation, assessing the ex-  
16 tent to which such Department and non-Department  
17 providers adhere to evidenced-based practices in de-  
18 livering mental health and addiction therapy care, as  
19 measured against criteria established by the VA/  
20 DOD Clinical Practice Guidelines and other nation-  
21 ally recognized, evidence-based standards, including  
22 those of the American Society of Addiction Medicine  
23 and the American Psychiatric Association.

24 (3) Identification of any gaps or delays in co-  
25 ordination between such Department and non-De-

1        department providers in responding to veterans seek-  
2        ing mental health or addiction therapy services, in-  
3        cluding the timeliness and completeness of health  
4        record exchange and communication of care plans.

5            (4) Measures of patient satisfaction with care  
6        received from such Department and non-Department  
7        providers.

8            (5) The number and percentage of such De-  
9        partment and non-Department providers who have  
10       completed Department or other accredited condition-  
11       specific training relevant to the veterans they treat,  
12       including training on military culture and trauma-in-  
13       formed care.

14           (6) The extent to which veterans with co-occur-  
15       ring mental-health and substance-use conditions re-  
16       ceive coordinated, integrated care addressing the full  
17       range of their clinical needs, regardless of provider  
18       affiliation.

19           (7) Whether such Department and non-Depart-  
20       ment providers monitor and document health-out-  
21       come measures throughout the course of treatment  
22       and at regular intervals during the three years fol-  
23       lowing the initiation of treatment.

24           (8) The number of veterans receiving treatment  
25       from such Department and non-Department pro-

1       viders across all levels of care, including inpatient,  
2       residential, intensive outpatient, and standard out-  
3       patient programs.

4           (9) The proportion of veterans described in  
5       paragraph (8) whose treatment progress is docu-  
6       mented in their electronic health records as follows:

7           (A) For inpatient, residential, and inten-  
8       sive outpatient programs, entry and exit symp-  
9       tom-assessment data and discharge summaries  
10      shall be recorded not later than one year fol-  
11      lowing admission.

12          (B) For outpatient programs, initial symp-  
13      tom-assessment data shall be entered not later  
14      than one month of intake, and follow-up data  
15      shall be recorded not later than one year there-  
16      after.

17          (10) The average elapsed time for such Depart-  
18      ment and non-Department providers, between re-  
19      ceipt of referral for care or veteran outreach and  
20      completion of the initial appointment or admission.

21          (11) The percentage of such Department and  
22      non-Department providers who undergo formal peer-  
23      review or clinical-quality review at least once every  
24      six months.

Page 270, line 7, strike the comma.

Page 284, line 17, strike “two thirds” and insert “two-thirds”.

Page 293, line 23, strike the em dash.

Page 299, line 24, strike “On” and insert “This section shall terminate on”.

Page 303, line 15, strike “recognzied” and insert “recognized”.

Page 305, line 19, strike “the Veterans Spinal Trauma Access to New Devices Act” and insert “the Take Care of Americas Veterans Act”.

Page 305, line 12, insert “the” before “year”.

Page 309, line 1, strike “Except as provided in subparagraph (B), a grant” and insert “A grant”.

Page 313, line 11, strike “paragraph (1)(B)” and insert “paragraph (2)”.

Page 317, before line 5, insert the following new sections and redesignate section 331, as redesignated, as section 333:

1 **SEC. 331. AUTHORIZATION OF MAJOR MEDICAL FACILITY**  
2 **PROJECT OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**  
3 **FAIRS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 IN SAN ANTO-**  
4 **NIO, TEXAS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
6 shall carry out a major medical facility project for the ac-  
7 quisition of land for a new Department of Veterans Affairs  
8 health care facility in San Antonio, Texas.

9 (b) NON-DEPARTMENT FEDERAL ENTITY WAIV-  
10 ER.—In order to reduce cost and expedite timelines, the  
11 Secretary may waive the requirements under section  
12 8103(e) of title 38, United States Code, and section 1096  
13 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
14 2016 (Public Law 114–92; 38 U.S.C. 8103 note) for a  
15 non-Department Federal entity to be engaged in project  
16 management and other activities for the project under  
17 subsection (a).

18 (c) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 60 days after  
19 making a waiver, modification, or substitution relating to  
20 the project under subsection (a), including a waiver under  
21 subsection (b), the Secretary shall submit to the appro-  
22 priate committees of Congress a notification describing the  
23 waiver, modification, or substitution and the reason for  
24 such waiver, modification, or substitution.

25 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
26 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Veterans

1 Affairs for the Construction, Major Projects account  
2 \$30,000,000 for the project under subsection (a), to re-  
3 main available until expended.

4 **SEC. 332. AUTHORIZATION OF MAJOR MEDICAL FACILITY**  
5 **PROJECT OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**  
6 **FAIRS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 IN INDIANAP-**  
7 **OLIS, INDIANA.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
9 shall carry out a major medical facility project for the re-  
10 placement of a medical center, a new central utility plant,  
11 a replacement multi-specialty outpatient clinic, and associ-  
12 ated parking in Indianapolis, Indiana.

13 (b) NON-DEPARTMENT FEDERAL ENTITY WAIV-  
14 ER.—In order to reduce cost and expedite timelines, the  
15 Secretary may waive the requirements under section  
16 8103(e) of title 38, United States Code, and section 1096  
17 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
18 2016 (Public Law 114–92; 38 U.S.C. 8103 note) for a  
19 non-Department Federal entity to be engaged in project  
20 management and other activities for the project under  
21 subsection (a).

22 (c) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 60 days after  
23 making a waiver, modification, or substitution relating to  
24 the project under subsection (a), including a waiver under  
25 subsection (b), the Secretary shall submit to the appro-

1 p r i a t e c o m m i t t e e s o f C o n g r e s s a n o t i f i c a t i o n d e s c r i b i n g t h e  
2 w a i v e r , m o d i f i c a t i o n , o r s u b s t i t u t i o n a n d t h e r e a s o n f o r  
3 s u c h w a i v e r , m o d i f i c a t i o n , o r s u b s t i t u t i o n .

4 (d) A U T H O R I Z A T I O N O F A P P R O P R I A T I O N S . — T h e r e i s  
5 a u t h o r i z e d t o b e a p p r o p r i a t e d t o t h e S e c r e t a r y o f V e t e r a n s  
6 A f f a i r s f o r t h e C o n s t r u c t i o n , M a j o r P r o j e c t s a c c o u n t  
7 \$ 1 , 6 4 1 , 5 7 0 , 0 0 0 f o r t h e p r o j e c t u n d e r s u b s e c t i o n ( a ) , t o  
8 r e m a i n a v a i l a b l e u n t i l e x p e n d e d .

Page 324, line 1, strike “DoD, FEMA, and other”  
and insert “the Secretary of Defense, the Administrator  
of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the  
heads of other Federal”.

Page 324, line 13, insert a comma after “infrastruc-  
ture”.

Page 326, line 8, insert a line break after “and”.

Page 326, line 21, strike all that follows the period  
through line 25 and insert the following:

9 (C) T h e i n i t i a l b r i e f i n g u n d e r s u b p a r a -  
10 g r a p h ( B ) s h a l l b e i n p e r s o n a n d s u b s e q u e n t  
11 b r i e f i n g s m a y b e v i r t u a l u n l e s s o t h e r w i s e r e -  
12 q u e s t e d b y t h e C o m m i t t e e s . R e p o r t s u n d e r s u c h  
13 s u b p a r a g r a p h m a y i n c l u d e a c l a s s i f i e d a n n e x .

Page 332, line 11, strike “the ‘BAA office’). The Undersecretary” and insert “the ‘BAA Office’). The Under Secretary”.

Page 332, line 13, strike “Undersecretary” and insert “Under Secretary”.

Page 334, line 7, strike “‘(g)’” and insert “‘(h)’”.

Page 334, after line 20, insert the following:

1 (c) FINANCIAL EMPLOYEES.—Subchapter I of chap-  
2 ter 7 of such title is amended by inserting after section  
3 715 the following new section (and the table of sections  
4 at the beginning of such chapter is amended accordingly):

5 **“§ 716. Employees with certain financial authority:**  
6 **management; limitation on duties**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—An employee described in sub-  
8 section (b)—

9 “(1) shall report exclusively to the Chief Finan-  
10 cial Officer of the Department designated under sec-  
11 tion 309 of this title; and

12 “(2) may not perform a programmatic or oper-  
13 ational function in the Department.

14 “(b) EMPLOYEE DESCRIBED.—An employee de-  
15 scribed in this subsection is an employee of the Depart-  
16 ment—

1           “(1) whose position is that of chief financial of-  
2           ficer of an Administration of the Department or a  
3           Veterans Integrated Service Network; or

4           “(2) whose duties are substantially similar to a  
5           position described in paragraph (1).”.

Page 335, line 21, strike “; and” and insert a semi-  
colon.

Page 335, line 24, strike the period and insert “;  
and”.

Page 335, after line 24, insert the following:

6           (C) in subsection (d)(1), strike “19” and  
7           insert “22”.

Page 340, line 24, strike “shall”.

Page 341, line 3, insert “the” before “major”.

Page 342, strike lines 5 through 15 and insert the  
following:

8           “(d) PROGRAM DECISION AUTHORITY.—(1) The As-  
9           sistant Secretary for Acquisition is the program decision  
10          authority regarding a major acquisition program.

11          “(2) Program management offices for major acquisi-  
12          tion programs shall—

1           “(A) report directly to the Assistant Secretary  
2           for Acquisition; and

3           “(B) operate independently of the Veterans  
4           Benefits Administration, the Veterans Health Ad-  
5           ministration, the National Cemetery Administration,  
6           and staff offices of the Department.”.

Page 342, line 16, strike “PROGRAM DECISION AU-  
THORITY”.

Page 342, line 20, strike “program decision author-  
ity under subsection (e)” and insert “Assistant Secretary  
for Acquisition”.

Page 343, line 17, strike “subsection (a)” and insert  
“paragraph (1)”.

Page 349, line 11, strike the comma and insert a pe-  
riod.

Page 353, line 7, strike the apostrophe.

Page 353, line 16, insert “the” before “Committee”.

Page 354, line 21, strike “section 8185” and insert  
“section 8183”.

Page 355, line 11, strike “section 8187” and insert  
“section 8183”.

Page 358, line 11, insert “of the Senate and House of Representatives” after “Committees on Veterans’ Affairs”.

Page 362, strike line 19.

Page 362, line 20 through page 370, line 1, redesignate paragraphs (1) through (3) as subsections (a) through (c), respectively, and adjust the margins accordingly.

Page 365, line 21 through page 369, line 7, redesignate subparagraphs (A) through (F) as paragraphs (1) through (6), respectively, and adjust the margins accordingly.

Page 366, line 8 through page 367, line 6, redesignate clauses (i) through (vi) as subparagraphs (A) through (F), respectively, and adjust the margins accordingly.

Page 366, line 13, strike “clause (i)” and insert “subparagraph (A)”.

Page 366, line 16, strike “clause (i)” and insert “subparagraph (A)”.

Page 366, line 21, strike “though” and insert “through”.

Page 367, lines 19 through 22, redesignate clauses (i) through (iii) as subparagraphs (A) through (C), respectively, and adjust the margins accordingly.

Page 368, line 24 through page 369, line 4, redesignate subclauses (I) through (III) as clauses (i) through (iii), respectively, and adjust the margins accordingly.

Page 369, lines 12 through 21, redesignate clauses (i) through (iii) as subparagraphs (A) through (C), respectively, and adjust the margins accordingly.

Page 369, line 13, strike “subparagraph (B) of this paragraph” and insert “paragraph (2) of this subsection”.

Page 369, line 17, strike “subparagraph (E) of this paragraph” and insert “paragraph (5) of this subsection”.

Page 369, line 24, strike “subparagraph (D)” and insert “paragraph (4)”.

Page 370, line 9, insert “, as added by this section” before the period.

Page 370, lines 11 through 14, redesignate subparagraphs (A) through (C) as paragraphs (1) through (3), respectively, and adjust the margins accordingly.

Page 370, line 18 through page 372, line 15, redesignate subparagraphs (A) through (C) as paragraphs (1) through (3), respectively, and adjust the margins accordingly.

Page 370, line 19, strike “paragraph (1)” and insert “subsection (a)”.

Page 372, lines 2 through 10, redesignate subclauses (I) and (II) as clauses (i) and (ii), respectively, and adjust the margins accordingly.

Page 374, line 15, insert a comma after “ceme-teries”.

Page 376, line 9, strike “subsection (a)” and insert “subsection (b)(1)”.

Page 376, line 18, strike “subsection (a)” and insert “subsection (b)(1)”.

Page 379, line 20, strike “or” and that follows through “this title” on line 23.

Page 392, line 20, strike “services” and insert “service”.

Page 394, line 3, strike “but not longer than within one year of the date of the beginning of the suspension,”

and insert “and not later than one year after the date of such suspension unless”.

Page 396, line 22, strike “of those” and insert “with respect to”.

Page 398, line 13, strike the period and insert a semicolon.

Page 416, line 4, strike “include any of the following” and insert “shall include the following”.

Page 424, line 7, strike “assessment” and insert “assessed”.

Page 424, line 9, strike “subsection (g)(3)(E)” and insert “subsection (g)(3)(F)”.

Page 425, line 11, strike “House” and insert “House of Representatives”.

Page 438, line 11, strike “the”.

Page 450, line 16, strike “subsection (g)(3)(E)” and insert “subsection (g)(3)(F)”.

Page 457, line 15, strike “Such” and insert “such”.

Page 463, line 22, strike “goal” and all that follows through line 24 and insert “time-to-fill goal of the Department for such employment position”.

Page 467, line 23, strike “by”.

Page 478, line 3, strike “nothing.” and insert “nothing”.

Page 483, line 25, strike “September 30” and insert “on September 30”.

Page 486, line 23, strike “section 2(a)” and insert “section 641”.

Page 489, beginning on line 3, strike “Effect of Noncompliance.”.

Page 489, line 20, strike “January 1,2026” and insert “January 1, 2026”.

Page 489, line 22, strike “, as amended by section 2(b), is further amended” and insert “is amended”.

Page 495, beginning on line 4, strike “under take” and insert “carry out”.

Page 495, line 11, strike “a report”.

Page 495, line 15, strike “2031” and insert “2031, a report”.

Page 496, line 7, insert “paragraph” before “(2)”.

Page 497, line 10, strike “this title” and insert “this Act”.

Page 499, strike section 656 and insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 656. PILOT PROGRAM ON ACCEPTANCE BY THE DE-**  
2 **PARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS OF DO-**  
3 **NATED FACILITIES AND RELATED IMPROVE-**  
4 **MENTS: EXTENSION; MODIFICATION.**

5 (a) EXTENSION.—Section 2 of the Communities  
6 Helping Invest through Property and Improvements Need-  
7 ed for Veterans Act of 2016 (Public Law 114–294; 38  
8 U.S.C. 8103 note) is amended, in subsection (i), by strik-  
9 ing “December 16, 2026” and inserting “the day that is  
10 five years after the date of the enactment of the Take Care  
11 of America’s Veterans Act”.

12 (b) MODIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF PROP-  
13 erty.—Paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of such section  
14 is amended to read as follows:

15 “(1) the donation aligns with—

16 “(A) a need identified in a Strategic Cap-  
17 ital Investment Planning process priority list, a  
18 five-year development plan, a facility master  
19 plan, or an annual capital needs inventory of  
20 the Department; or

21 “(B) any component or phase of a need de-  
22 scribed in paragraph (1); and”.

Page 537, line 21, strike “within the Department” and insert “in the Department, within the Office of the Secretary,”.

Page 539, line 5, strike “subsection (b)” and insert “subsection (c)”.

Page 541, line 11, strike “outcome” and insert “outcomes”.

Page 545, line 24, strike the first quotation mark.

Page 551, line 8, strike “Subsection” and insert “Section”.

