

## HR 2646

### Veterans Health Care Facilities Capital Improvement Act of 2011

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

**Introduced:** Jul 26, 2011

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**Law:** 112-37 (Enacted Oct 5, 2011)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** OH • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	Jul 28, 2011

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### **Policy Area:**

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 6375	Related bill	Oct 5, 2012: Became Public Law No: 112-191.
112 HR 1658	Related bill	Apr 15, 2011: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
112 S 327	Related bill	Feb 14, 2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the House on September 20, 2011. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

Veterans Health Care Facilities Capital Improvement Act of 2011 - (Sec. 2) Authorizes, within specified amounts, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out certain FY2012 major medical facility construction projects (projects) at Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical centers in Seattle, Washington and West Los Angeles, California.

(Sec. 3) Modifies authorizations for certain previously authorized projects in Fayetteville, Arkansas, the Orlando, Florida area, Palo Alto, California, San Juan, Puerto Rico, and St. Louis, Missouri.

(Sec. 4) Authorizes the Secretary to carry out FY2012 major medical facility leases (leases) at specified outpatient and community-based outpatient clinics in Alabama, California, Georgia, Indiana, Missouri, New York, and Oregon.

(Sec. 5) Authorizes appropriations for such projects and leases. Provides project and lease funding limitations.

(Sec. 6) Directs the Secretary to include in the prospectus required to be submitted to Congress with a request for funding of a major medical facility project or lease: (1) a detailed estimate of the total costs of the medical facility including the number of personnel and itemized costs for construction, activation, special purpose alteration, ancillary services, and equipment; and (2) data concerning demographics, workload, utilization, and operating costs over a 5-, 10-, and 20-year period. Requires further, in the case of a proposed new or replacement facility, a detailed: (1) report of the consideration given to acquiring an existing facility by lease or purchase and to the sharing of health-care resources with the Department of Defense (DOD), and (2) total cost estimate and a cost-benefit comparison for each considered alternative to construction of the facility and an explanation of why the preferred alternative is the most effective means to achieve the stated project goals.

(Sec. 7) Prohibits the Secretary from using bid savings on a major construction project to expand the purpose of such a project until after submitting specified information to the congressional veterans committees, including the major project that is the source of the bid savings and the major project for which the Secretary intends to expand the purpose.

(Sec. 8) Designates the VA telehealth clinic in Craig, Colorado, as the "Major William Edward Adams Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic."

(Sec. 9) Designates the VA medical center in Big Spring, Texas, as the "George H. O'Brien, Jr., Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center."

(Sec. 10) Extends through 2012 specified authority for: (1) treatment, rehabilitation, and additional services for seriously mentally ill and homeless veterans, (2) housing assistance for homeless veterans, and (3) the Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans. Extends through FY2012 the authority of the Secretary of Labor to conduct homeless veterans reintegration programs. Extends through 2018 the authority for transfers of real property under the Secretary's jurisdiction or control. Extends to September 30, 2020, the recovery audit program for certain fee basis and other medical services contracts concerning non-VA care and services for veterans and beneficiaries.

(Sec. 11) Increases authorized amounts for the VA comprehensive service programs for FY2012. Provides a reduced amount for FY2013 and thereafter.

(Sec. 12) Increases and extends through FY2012 the authorization of appropriations for the VA program of financial

assistance for supportive services for very low-income veteran families residing in permanent housing.

(Sec. 13) Extends through: (1) FY2012 a VA grant program for homeless veterans with special needs, and (2) the end of 2012 specially adapted housing assistance for disabled veterans residing temporarily in housing owned by a family member.

(Sec. 15) Extends through November 18, 2011, VA authority to: (1) charge a loan fee for certain subsequent housing loans made to veterans, and (2) verify veterans' income information from the Secretary of the Treasury or the Commissioner of Social Security.

(Sec. 17) Extends through November 18, 2011, VA authority to verify veterans' income information through the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) before terminating or reducing certain benefits and services. Makes a conforming amendment to part D (Child Support and Establishment of Paternity) of title IV of the Social Security Act authorizing the release of such information by the HHS Secretary.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Oct 5, 2011:** Signed by President.
- **Oct 5, 2011:** Became Public Law No: 112-37.
- **Sep 27, 2011:** Presented to President.
- **Sep 23, 2011:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S5932)
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- **Sep 23, 2011:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 21, 2011:** Received in the Senate, read twice.
- **Sep 20, 2011:** Mr. Johnson (OH) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 20, 2011:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6246-6249)
- **Sep 20, 2011:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2646.
- **Sep 20, 2011:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Sep 20, 2011:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H6257)
- **Sep 20, 2011:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 412 - 3 (Roll no. 714).(text: CR H6246-6248)
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- **Sep 20, 2011:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 15, 2011:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 112-209.
- **Sep 15, 2011:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 137.
- **Sep 8, 2011:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 8, 2011:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 28, 2011:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 28, 2011:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **Jul 27, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 26, 2011:** Introduced in House
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