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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a capital projects fund for the Iowa veterans
2 home and making appropriations.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 35D.19 IOWA VETERANS HOME
1 2 CONSTRUCTION FUND.
1 3 1. An Iowa veterans home construction fund is created in
1 4 the state treasury under the control of the commission for the
1 5 purpose of providing funding for capital projects at the Iowa
1 6 veterans home. The fund shall consist of appropriations made
1 7 to the fund and transfers of interest, earnings, and moneys
1 8 from other funds as provided by law.
1 9 2. Moneys in the fund shall be used as appropriated by the
1 10 general assembly for capital projects at the Iowa veterans
1 11 home, including projects in the multiyear construction program
1 12 for the construction, repair, or improvement of buildings,
1 13 grounds, or equipment at the Iowa veterans home submitted
1 14 pursuant to section 35A.10.
1 15 3. a. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2,
1 16 interest or earnings on moneys in the Iowa veterans home
1 17 construction fund shall be credited to the Iowa veterans home
1 18 construction fund.
1 19 b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys credited to the
1 20 Iowa veterans home construction fund shall not revert to the
1 21 fund from which appropriated at the close of a fiscal year.
1 22 c. If moneys are received from the United States
1 23 department of veterans affairs for capital projects at the
1 24 Iowa veterans home for which an appropriation from the Iowa
1 25 veterans home construction fund for those capital projects has
1 26 been made, the portion of the moneys received equal to the
1 27 appropriation from the Iowa veterans home construction fund
1 28 for those projects shall be credited to and deposited in the
1 29 funds from which appropriations to the Iowa veterans home
1 30 construction fund have been made on a pro rata basis.
1 31 4. Annually, on or before January 1 of each year, the
1 32 commission shall report to the general assembly the status of
1 33 all ongoing projects for which an appropriation from the fund
1 34 has been made. The report shall include but not be limited to
1 35 a description of each project, the progress of work completed,
2 1 the total estimated cost of each project, the amount of funds
2 2 expended, any federal reimbursement funds received, the amount
2 3 of funds obligated, and an estimated completion date of each
2 4 project.
2 5 Sec. 2. IOWA VETERANS HOME == CAPITAL PROJECTS ==
2 6 APPROPRIATIONS == TRANSFER.
2 7 1. There is appropriated from the rebuild Iowa
2 8 infrastructure fund to the Iowa veterans home construction
2 9 fund created in section 35D.19, as enacted by this Act, for
2 10 the designated fiscal years, the following amounts:
2 11 FY 2007=2008 \$ 5,568,265
2 12 FY 2008=2009 \$ 5,568,265
2 13 FY 2009=2010 \$ 5,568,265
2 14 FY 2010=2011 \$ 5,568,265
2 15 FY 2011=2012 \$ 5,568,265
2 16 2. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,
2 17 moneys appropriated to the Iowa veterans home and unexpended
2 18 for purposes of capital improvements, renovations, or new
2 19 construction at the Iowa veterans home shall be transferred to
2 20 the Iowa veterans home construction fund created in section

2 21 35D.19, as enacted by this Act.

2 22 EXPLANATION

2 23 This bill establishes an Iowa veterans home construction
2 24 fund and provides for appropriations and transfers of money to
2 25 the fund.

2 26 The bill creates an Iowa veterans home construction fund
2 27 under the control of the commission for the purpose of funding
2 28 capital projects at the Iowa veterans home, including projects
2 29 on the multiyear construction program for the home. The bill
2 30 provides that moneys in the fund shall be used as appropriated
2 31 by the general assembly. The bill provides that interest or
2 32 earnings on moneys in the fund are credited to the fund and
2 33 moneys in the fund shall not revert at the end of a fiscal
2 34 year. The bill does provide, however, that if federal funds
2 35 are received for capital projects at the Iowa veterans home
3 1 after moneys have been appropriated for those projects from
3 2 the fund, the federal funds shall be credited to the funds
3 3 from which appropriations to the Iowa veterans home
3 4 construction fund have been made on a pro rata basis. The
3 5 bill also provides that the veterans affairs commission shall
3 6 submit an annual report to the general assembly concerning the
3 7 status of projects funded from an appropriation from the
3 8 construction fund.

3 9 The bill also appropriates over \$5 million per year for
3 10 five fiscal years beginning with the fiscal year beginning
3 11 July 1, 2007, from the rebuild Iowa infrastructure fund to the
3 12 Iowa veterans home construction fund. The bill also provides
3 13 that money that has been appropriated, but unexpended, for
3 14 purposes of capital improvements, renovations, or new
3 15 construction at the Iowa veterans home shall be transferred to
3 16 the construction fund created in the bill.

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