

68TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 3181

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 24 (calendar day, APRIL 26), 1924

Mr. FERNALD introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds

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## A BILL

To authorize an appropriation to enable the Director of the United States Veterans' Bureau to provide additional hospital facilities

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3       That the Director of the United States Veterans' Bureau,  
4       subject to the approval of the President, is hereby author-  
5       ized to provide additional hospital and out-patient dispensary  
6       facilities for patients of the United States Veterans' Bureau,  
7       by purchase and remodeling or extension of existing plants,  
8       and by construction on sites now owned by the Government  
9       or on sites to be acquired by purchase, condemnation, gift,  
10      or otherwise, such hospitals and out-patient dispensary facil-

ities, to include the necessary buildings and auxiliary structures, mechanical equipment, approach work, roads, and trackage facilities leading thereto; and also to provide accommodations for officers, nurses, and attending personnel; and also to provide proper and suitable recreational centers; and the Director of the United States Veterans' Bureau is authorized to accept gifts or donations for any of the purposes named herein. Such hospital plants to be constructed shall be of fireproof construction and existing plants purchased shall be remodeled to be fireproof, and the location and nature thereof, whether for the treatment of tuberculous, neuropsychiatric, or general medical and surgical cases, shall be in the discretion of the Director of the United States Veterans' Bureau, subject to the approval of the President: *Provided, however,* That the Director, with the approval of the President, may utilize such suitable buildings, structures, and grounds now owned by the United States as may be available for the purposes aforesaid, and the President is hereby authorized, by Executive order, to transfer any such buildings, structures, and grounds to the United States Veterans' Bureau upon the request of the Director thereof.

SEC. 2. That for carrying into effect the preceding paragraph relating to additional hospital and out-patient dispensary facilities there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise

1 appropriated, the sum of \$6,500,000, to be immediately  
2 available and to remain available until expended. That  
3 not to exceed 3 per centum of this sum shall be available  
4 for the employment in the District of Columbia and in the  
5 field of necessary technical and clerical assistants at the  
6 customary rates of compensation, exclusively to aid in the  
7 preparation of the plans and specifications for the projects  
8 authorized herein and for the supervision of the execution  
9 thereof, and for traveling expenses and field-office equipment  
10 and supplies in connection therewith.

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