

H. R. 5209

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

JANUARY 10, 1924.

Mr. LANGLEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds and ordered to be printed.

A BILL

To authorize an appropriation to enable the Director of the United States Veterans' Bureau to provide for the construction of additional hospital facilities and to provide medical, surgical, and hospital services and supplies for persons who served in the World War, the Spanish-American War, the Philippine insurrection, and the Boxer rebellion, and are patients of the United States Veterans' Bureau.

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 persons who served in the World War and are
7 patients of the United States Veterans' Bureau, by purchase
8 and remodeling or extension of existing plants, and by
9 construction on sites now owned by the Government or
10 on sites to be acquired by purchase, condemnation, gift,

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1 or otherwise, such hospitals and out-patient dispensary facil-
2 ities, to include the necessary buildings and auxiliary struc-
3 tures, mechanical equipment, approach work, roads, and
4 trackage facilities leading thereto, vehicles, livestock, furni-
5 ture, equipment and accessories; and also to provide accom-
6 modations for officers, nurses, and attending personnel; and
7 also to provide proper and suitable recreational centers; and
8 the Director of the United States Veterans' Bureau is author-
9 ized to accept gifts or donations for any of the purposes
10 named herein. Such hospital plants to be constructed shall
11 be of fireproof construction and existing plants purchased
12 shall be remodeled to be fireproof, and the location and
13 nature thereof, whether for the treatment of tuberculous,
14 neuropsychiatric, or general medical and surgical cases, shall
15 be in the discretion of the Director of the United States
16 Veterans' Bureau, subject to the approval of the President:
17 *Provided, however,* That the Director, with the approval of
18 the President, may utilize such suitable buildings, structures,
19 and grounds now owned by the United States as may be
20 available for the purposes aforesaid, and the President is
21 hereby authorized, by Executive order, to transfer any such
22 buildings, structures, and grounds to the United States
23 Veterans' Bureau upon the request of the Director thereof.

24 SEC. 2. That for carrying into effect the preceding
25 paragraph relating to additional hospital and out-patient

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

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