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# H. R. 1722

To amend title 38, United States Code, to require congressional approval before the appropriation of funds for the Department of Veterans Affairs major medical facility leases.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 13, 2019

Ms. BROWNLEY of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Build a Better VA  
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT OF**  
2 **VETERANS AFFAIRS MAJOR MEDICAL FACIL-**  
3 **ITY LEASES.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 8104(a)(2) of title 38,  
5 United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) by striking “No funds” and inserting “(A)  
7 No funds”;

8 (2) by striking “or any major medical facility  
9 lease”;

10 (3) by striking “or lease”; and

11 (4) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
12 paragraph:

13 “(B) No funds may be appropriated for any fiscal  
14 year for any major medical facility lease unless the Com-  
15 mittees on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and House of  
16 Representatives adopt resolutions approving the lease.”.

17 (b) **APPLICABILITY.**—The amendments made by sub-  
18 section (a) shall apply with respect to a lease entered into  
19 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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