

21 AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY
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SOUTH CAROLINA, OR HIS DESIGNEE,
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**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4200, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. BROWN OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

At the end of subtitle A of title XXVIII, insert the following new section:

1 SEC. 28__ . CONSIDERATION OF COMBINATION OF MILI-
2 TARY MEDICAL TREATMENT FACILITIES AND
3 HEALTH CARE FACILITIES OF DEPARTMENT
4 OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

5 (a) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CONSIDERATION OF
6 JOINT CONSTRUCTION.—(1) Subchapter I of chapter 169
7 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at
8 the end the following new section:

9 "§2816. Consideration of joint construction and use
10 of military medical treatment facilities
11 and health care facilities of the Depart-
12 ment of Veterans Affairs

13 "In the case of the budget submitted under section
14 1105 of title 31 for any fiscal year, the Secretary of De-
15 fense shall include in the budget justification materials
16 submitted to Congress in support of the budget a certifi-
17 cation that, in evaluating for inclusion in the budget for
18 that fiscal year any military construction project for con-
19 struction in the United States (or a territory or possession
20 of the United States) of a new military medical treatment

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1 facility, the Secretary, after consulting with the Secretary
2 of Veterans Affairs, evaluated the feasibility of carrying
3 out the project so as to establish with the Department of
4 Veterans Affairs a joint medical facility that—

5 “(1) could serve as a facility for health re-
6 sources sharing between the Department of Defense
7 and the Department of Veterans Affairs; and

8 “(2) would be no more costly to each Depart-
9 ment to construct and operate than separate facili-
10 ties for each Department.”

11 (2) The table of sections at the beginning of such sub-
12 chapter is amended by adding at the end the following
13 new item:

“2816. Consideration of joint construction and use of military medical treatment
facilities and health care facilities of the Department of Vet-
erans Affairs.”

14 (b) DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS CONSID-
15 ERATION OF JOINT CONSTRUCTION.—Section 8104(b) of
16 title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
17 end the following new paragraph:

18 “(9) In the case of a prospectus proposing the
19 construction of a new or replacement medical facil-
20 ity, the Secretary’s certification that the Secretary,
21 after consulting with the Secretary of Defense, eval-
22 uated the feasibility of carrying out the project so as
23 to establish with the Department of Defense a joint
24 medical facility that—



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1 “(A) could serve as a facility for health re-
2 sources sharing between the Department of De-
3 fense and the Department of Veterans Affairs;
4 and

5 “(B) would be no more costly to each De-
6 partment to construct and operate than sepa-
7 rate facilities for each Department.”.

