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4

A Bill

SENATE BILL 31

5 By: Joint Budget Committee
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REAPPROPRIATE THE BALANCES OF CAPITAL
9 IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
10 VETERANS' AFFAIRS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS'
14 AFFAIRS REAPPROPRIATION.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. REAPPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. There is
21 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable
22 from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, for
23 the Department of Veterans' Affairs the following:

24 (A) Effective July 1, 2014, the balance of the appropriation provided
25 in Item (A) Section 1 of Act 198 of 2013, for purchase and replacement of
26 equipment for the North Little Rock Cemetery, in a sum not to exceed
27\$109,510.

28 (B) Effective July 1, 2014, the balance of the appropriation provided
29 in Item (B) Section 1 of Act 198 of 2013, for construction expenses of an
30 addition to the Administrative Office Building, in a sum not to exceed
31\$450,018.

32 (C) Effective July 1, 2014, the balance of the appropriation provided
33 in Item (A) Section 2 of Act 988 of 2013, for land acquisition, improvements,
34 construction, maintenance, purchase of equipment and furnishings for a
35 Veterans' Home, in a sum not to exceed.....\$7,500,000.

36 (D) Effective July 1, 2014, the balance of the appropriation provided



1 in Item (A) Section 1 of Act 867 of 2013, for personal services, operating
2 expenses, maintenance, construction, renovations, equipment and grants for
3 veterans services, in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,000,000.
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5 SECTION 2. REAPPROPRIATION - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to
6 the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the cash funds as
7 defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for the Department of Veterans' Affairs
8 the following:

9 (A) Effective July 1, 2014, the balance of the appropriation provided
10 in Item (A) Section 2 of Act 198 of 2013, for Evacuation Sleds for the
11 Fayetteville Veterans' Home, in a sum not to exceed.....\$100,000.

12 (B) Effective July 1, 2014, the balance of the appropriation provided
13 in Item (A) Section 3 of Act 988 of 2013, for land acquisition, improvements,
14 construction, maintenance, purchase of equipment and furnishings for a
15 Veterans' Home, in a sum not to exceed.....\$7,000,000.
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17 SECTION 3. REAPPROPRIATION - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to
18 the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the federal funds as
19 designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for the Department of
20 Veterans' Affairs the following:

21 (A) Effective July 1, 2014, the balance of the appropriation provided
22 in Item (A) Section 1 of Act 988 of 2013, for land acquisition, improvements,
23 construction, maintenance, purchase of equipment and furnishings for a
24 Veterans' Home, in a sum not to exceed.....\$14,000,000.
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26 SECTION 4. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
27 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
28 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
29 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
30 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
31 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
32 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
33 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
34 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
35 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
36 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall

1 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

2 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State Purchasing
3 Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue
4 Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this State
5 and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration,
6 as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of any
7 funds provided by this act unless specifically provided otherwise by law.

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9 SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
10 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
11 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
12 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
13 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
14 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
15 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
16 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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18 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
19 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
20 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
21 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2014 is essential to the operation of
22 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
23 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
24 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2014 could work irreparable harm
25 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
26 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
27 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
28 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2014.

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31 **APPROVED: 02/20/2014**
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