

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1541

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT AUTHORIZING CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF A  
11 MONUMENT ON STATE CAPITOL GROUNDS HONORING  
12 FIREFIGHTERS WHO HAVE DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY; AND  
13 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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16 AN ACT AUTHORIZING CONSTRUCTION AND  
17 MAINTENANCE OF A MONUMENT ON STATE  
18 CAPITOL GROUNDS HONORING FIREFIGHTERS  
19 WHO HAVE DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

### SECTION 1. Findings and Purpose.

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25 (a) It is found and determined by the General Assembly that:

26 (1) Many Arkansans serve each year as full-time firefighters,  
27 volunteer firefighters, forestry firefighters, and training academy  
28 firefighters;

29 (2) Firefighters in many communities serve their citizens as  
30 emergency medical technicians, hazardous material specialists, bomb  
31 technicians, and in numerous rescue emergencies;

32 (3) Upon occasion fire or disaster claims the life of a  
33 firefighter in the course of his or her duties; and

34 (4) Arkansas firefighters have not received the recognition and  
35 honor deserved for service to their fellow citizens.  
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1 (b) In recognition and appreciation of Arkansas' fallen firefighters,  
2 an appropriate monument should be constructed and maintained on the State  
3 Capitol grounds.

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5 SECTION 2. Authorization.

6 The Secretary of State is authorized to assist and coordinate with the  
7 Arkansas Fallen Firefighters' Memorial Board in the construction of a monument  
8 on the grounds of the State Capitol honoring:

9 (1) Arkansans and other firefighters killed in Arkansas while acting in  
10 their capacity as firefighters; and

11 (2) Any Arkansas firefighter killed outside the State of Arkansas while  
12 servicing in the capacity of a firefighter.

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14 SECTION 3. Design and Location.

15 The design of the monument and the location of the monument on the  
16 Capitol grounds shall be approved by the Arkansas Fallen Firefighters'  
17 Memorial Board and the Capitol Arts and Grounds Commission.

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19 SECTION 4. Funding.

20 (a) The State of Arkansas shall not be obligated to fund the Arkansas  
21 Fallen Firefighters' Memorial.

22 (b) The Arkansas Fallen Firefighters' Memorial Board shall raise all  
23 funds necessary for materials, construction, and maintenance of the monument.

24 (c) The Arkansas Fallen Firefighters' Memorial Board shall comply with  
25 the rules and regulations of the Capitol Arts and Grounds Commission regarding  
26 creation of a maintenance fund.

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28 SECTION 5. Commencement of Construction.

29 Construction of the Arkansas Fallen Firefighters' Memorial shall  
30 commence only after all requirements of the Capitol Arts and Grounds  
31 Commission are met.

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33 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
34 Assembly that a delay in the effective date of this act would cause  
35 unnecessary delay in raising funds for the materials, construction, and  
36 maintenance of the monument recognizing and honoring our fallen firefighters;

1 and that this project should be undertaken as soon as possible. Therefore, an  
2 emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for  
3 the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall become effective  
4 on the date of its approval by the Governor. If the bill is neither approved  
5 nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall become effective on the expiration of the  
6 period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is  
7 vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, it shall become effective  
8 on the date the last house overrides the veto.

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