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Act 988 of the Regular Session

1 State of Arkansas  
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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1598

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16 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

17 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR VETERANS' HOME  
18 CONSTRUCTION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
19 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2014; AND FOR  
20 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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23 **Subtitle**

24 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS'  
25 AFFAIRS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2013-2014  
26 FISCAL YEAR.  
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29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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31 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL FUNDS. There is hereby  
32 appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the  
33 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the  
34 following:

35 (A) for land acquisition, improvements, construction, maintenance,  
36 purchase of equipment and furnishings for a Veterans' Home, in a sum not to



1 exceed.....\$14,000,000.

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3 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS. There is hereby  
4 appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the  
5 General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the  
6 following:

7 (A) for land acquisition, improvements, construction, maintenance,  
8 purchase of equipment and furnishings for a Veterans' Home, in a sum not to  
9 exceed.....\$7,500,000.

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11 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated,  
12 to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the cash funds as  
13 defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801 of the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the  
14 following:

15 (A) for land acquisition, improvements, construction, maintenance,  
16 purchase of equipment and furnishings for a Veterans' Home, in a sum not to  
17 exceed.....\$7,000,000.

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19 SECTION 4. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Arkansas Code 20-81-107 is amended to read  
20 as follows:

21 20-81-107. Gifts, volunteer services, etc.

22 (a) The Director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs is authorized  
23 to arrange for and accept through such mutual arrangement as may be made the  
24 volunteer services, equipment, gifts, facilities, properties, supplies, and  
25 personnel of any state, county, and municipal offices and agencies and of  
26 veterans' fraternal, welfare, civic, and service organizations in the  
27 furtherance of the purposes of this act.

28 (b) The director may accept on behalf of the Department of Veterans'  
29 Affairs from any natural person or legal entity the donation of real property  
30 for use as a cemetery for the interment of Arkansas veterans of the United  
31 States armed forces and their immediate next of kin as defined by the  
32 department.

33 (c) The director may accept on behalf of the Department of Veterans'  
34 Affairs from any source the donation of gifts, grants, cash, bequeaths, real  
35 or personal property and equipment for the establishment, construction,  
36 maintenance and operations of any state owned and operated Veterans' Home.

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2 SECTION 5. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
3 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
4 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
5 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
6 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
7 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
8 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
9 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
10 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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12 SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
13 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
14 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
15 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
16 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
17 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
18 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
19 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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21 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
22 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
23 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
24 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2013 is essential to the operation of  
25 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
26 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
27 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2013 could work irreparable harm  
28 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
29 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
30 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
31 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2013.

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33 /s/Baird  
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36 APPROVED: 04/08/2013