

Act 456 of the 1989 Regular Session.

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HB1697

By: Joint Budget Committee

"AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF MONIES DERIVED FROM ADDITIONAL DAYS OF DOG RACING FOR SUPPORT OF THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROGRAMS BENEFITTING MEDICAL INDIGENTS IN EASTERN ARKANSAS, FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1991; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the Indigent Patients Hospitalization Fund, for the support and operation of the Emergency Medical Services Programs of Mississippi County, Poinsett County, Cross County, St. Francis County, and Lee County, to be payable in equal amounts to those counties and additional support for the Emergency Medical Services Program of Crittenden County for the biennial period ending June 30, 1991, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS	
	1989-90	1990-91
(1) EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROGRAMS	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
(2) ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR CRITTENDEN COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES	50,000	50,000
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000

SECTION 2. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall be disbursing officer of the appropriation provided in Section 1 of this Act, and shall make payments to Crittenden County, Mississippi County, Poinsett County, Cross County, St. Francis County and Lee County in equal quarterly installments of the monies appropriated for each year of the fiscal biennium ending June 30, 1991. Upon receipt of said monies, the treasurer of each county shall deposit the same in a special account to be known as the "County Emergency Medical Services Fund", to be used for providing emergency medical services within those counties in accordance with appropriations made therefor by the quorum court of the appropriate county.

SECTION 3. Commencing with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1989, and for each year thereafter unless otherwise provided by law, revenues derived from the pari-mutuel tax on the fifteen (15) additional days of dog racing, as authorized by law, shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the Indigent Patients Hospitalization Fund as authorized by Arkansas Code 23-11-505, to be used, in addition to the purposes now provided by law, in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) in any fiscal year, for the support of the Emergency Medical Services Programs of Mississippi County, Poinsett County, Cross County, St. Francis County and Lee County, and additional support for the Emergency Medical Services Program of Crittenden County.

SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

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

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

SECTION 7. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 8. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the Seventy-Seventh General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 1989 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 1989 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 1989.

APPROVED: March 9, 1989
