

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

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2 81st General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 1997
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As Engrossed: S2/6/97

A Bill

ACT 162 OF 1997
HOUSE BILL 1319

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

9 "AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND
10 OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY
11 COMMISSION FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1999;
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

15 "AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS LIVESTOCK AND
16 POULTRY COMMISSION APPROPRIATION FOR THE
17 1997-99 BIENNIUM."
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - GENERAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby
22 established for the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission - General
23 Operations for the 1997-99 biennium, the following maximum number of regular
24 employees whose salaries shall be governed by the provisions of the Uniform
25 Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its
26 successor, and all laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however, that any
27 position to which a specific maximum annual salary is set out herein in
28 dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of said Uniform Classification
29 and Compensation Act. All persons occupying positions authorized herein are
30 hereby governed by the provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and
31 Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101), or its successor.
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		Maximum Annual	
		Maximum	Salary Rate
Item	Class	No. of	Fiscal Years
No.	Code	Title	Employees 1997-98 1998-99

1	(1)	9909 LIVE & POUL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	1	\$ 75,912	\$ 78,037
2	(2)	6602 DIRECTOR OF POULTRY DISEASES	1	\$ 74,938	\$ 77,036
3	(3)	6646 L&P BD CERTIFIED PATHOLOGIST	1	\$ 70,512	\$ 72,486
4	(4)	6612 STATE VETERINARIAN	1	\$ 70,207	\$ 72,172
5	(5)	6613 COORDINATOR OF LAB	1	\$ 70,207	\$ 72,172
6	(6)	6620 VETERINARY VIROLOGIST	1	\$ 65,000	\$ 66,820
7	(7)	6616 DIRECTOR OF SPRINGDALE LAB	1	\$ 64,681	\$ 66,492
8	(8)	6641 STATE EPIDEMIOLOGIST	1	\$ 62,145	\$ 63,885
9	(9)	6614 VETERINARIAN SENIOR	1	\$ 51,578	\$ 53,022
10	(10)	910Z LIVE & POUL ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	1		GRADE 25
11	(11)	Q042 DISTRICT LIVESTOCK INSPECTION MGR	2		GRADE 23
12		B068 MICROBIOLOGIST SUPV	7		
13	(12)	A008 ACCOUNTING SUPERVISOR II	1		GRADE 21
14	(13)	B066 MICROBIOLOGIST II	1		GRADE 20
15	(14)	Q040 AREA LIVESTOCK INSPECTOR SUPV	5		GRADE 19
16		T022 LIVE & POUL CHIEF INVESTIGATOR	1		
17	(15)	B064 MICROBIOLOGIST I	5		GRADE 18
18		Q024 BRUCELLOSIS TESTING COORD	1		
19		V040 PURCHASE AGENT II/PURCHASE AGENT	1		
20	(16)	Q010 EIA INSPECTOR	3		GRADE 17
21		T024 LIVE & POUL INSPECTOR/INVESTIGATOR	6		
22		R010 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	1		
23	(17)	Q041 LIVESTOCK INSPECTOR	22		GRADE 16
24		B067 MICROBIOLOGIST INTERN	1		
25	(18)	K041 EXECUTIVE SECY/ADMINISTRATIVE SECY	1		GRADE 14
26	(19)	K153 SECRETARY II	4		GRADE 13
27		B049 LABORATORY TECHNICIAN II	1		
28	(20)	A106 ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN I	4		GRADE 12
29		K039 DOCUMENT EXAMINER II	1		
30	(21)	B047 LABORATORY TECHNICIAN I	<u>2</u>		GRADE 11
31		MAX NO. OF EMPLOYEES	80		

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - GENERAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission - General Operations for the 1997-99 biennium, the following maximum number of part-time

1 or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds
 2 appropriated herein for such purposes: twenty-one (21) temporary or part-time
 3 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the
 4 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for
 5 the appropriate classification.

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7 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATIONS - GENERAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 8 appropriated, to the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission - General
 9 Operations, to be payable from the Livestock and Poultry Fund Account, for
 10 personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry
 11 Commission - General Operations for the biennial period ending June 30, 1999,
 12 the following:

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ITEM		FISCAL YEARS	
NO.		1997-98	1998-99
16 (01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 2,560,834	\$ 2,631,822
17 (02)	EXTRA HELP	52,231	52,231
18 (03)	PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	717,334	731,074
19 (04)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
20	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	523,274	523,274
21	(B) CONF. & TRVL.	13,967	13,967
22	(C) PROF. FEES	0	0
23	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	40,000	40,000
24	(E) DATA PROC.	0	0
25 (05)	BUFFALO GNAT CONTROL PROG	<u>8,000</u>	<u>8,000</u>
26	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 3,915,640</u>	<u>\$ 4,000,368</u>

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28 SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - BRUCELLOSIS PROGRAM. There is hereby
 29 established for the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission - Brucellosis
 30 Control and Eradication Program for the 1997-99 biennium, the following
 31 maximum number of regular employees whose salaries shall be governed by the
 32 provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code
 33 §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto.
 34 Provided, however, that any position to which a specific maximum annual salary
 35 is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of said

1 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All persons occupying positions
 2 authorized herein are hereby governed by the provisions of the Regular
 3 Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101), or its
 4 successor.

		Maximum Annual			
		Maximum Salary Rate			
Item	Class	No. of	Fiscal Years		
No.	Code	Title	Employees	1997-98	1998-99
10	(1)	T024 LIVE & POUL INSPECTOR/INVESTIGATOR	1	GRADE 17	
11	(2)	Q041 LIVESTOCK INSPECTOR	<u>23</u>	GRADE 16	
12		MAX NO. OF EMPLOYEES	24		

14 SECTION 5. EXTRA HELP - BRUCELLOSIS PROGRAM. There is hereby
 15 authorized, for the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission - Brucellosis
 16 Control and Eradication Program for the 1997-99 biennium, the following
 17 maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra
 18 Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: twenty-one
 19 (21) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to
 20 exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or
 21 its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

23 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATIONS - BRUCELLOSIS PROGRAM. There is hereby
 24 appropriated, to the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission, to be payable
 25 from the Livestock and Poultry Commission Disease and Pest Control Fund, for
 26 personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry
 27 Commission - Brucellosis Control and Eradication Program for the biennial
 28 period ending June 30, 1999, the following:

ITEM		FISCAL YEARS	
NO.		1997-98	1998-99
32	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 546,409	\$ 561,483
33	(02) EXTRA HELP	55,000	55,000
34	(03) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	177,803	180,603
35	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		

1	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	185,592	185,592
2	(B) CONF. & TRVL.	0	0
3	(C) PROF. FEES	0	0
4	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	20,000	20,000
5	(E) DATA PROC.	0	0
6	(05) VACCINATION GRANT	350,000	350,000
7	(06) BRUCELLOSIS DEPOPULATION	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
8	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 1,434,804</u>	<u>\$ 1,452,678</u>

SECTION 7. REGULAR SALARIES - EGG GRADING PROGRAM. There is hereby established for the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission - Egg Grading Program for the 1997-99 biennium, the following maximum number of regular employees whose salaries shall be governed by the provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however, that any position to which a specific maximum annual salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of said Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All persons occupying positions authorized herein are hereby governed by the provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101), or its successor.

		Maximum Annual			
		Maximum	Salary Rate		
Item	Class	No. of	Fiscal Years		
No.	Code	Title	Employees	1997-98	1998-99
26	(1) Q016	EGG & POULTRY DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE 25	
27	(2) Q001	EGG & POULTRY AREA SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE 23	
28	(3) N378	POULTRY PRODUCTS SPECIALIST	1	GRADE 20	
29	(4) Q026	EGG & POULTRY FIELD INSPECTOR SUPV	1	GRADE 19	
30	(5) A111	ACCOUNTANT	1	GRADE 18	
31		Q022 SR EGG & POULTRY FIELD INSPECTOR	1		
32	(6) Q083	SR EGG PRODUCTS INSPECTOR	2	GRADE 17	
33		Q021 EGG & POULTRY FIELD INSPECTOR	6		
34		Q085 SR POULTRY GRADER	7		
35		Q087 SR SHELL EGG GRADER	2		

1	(7) Q063 POULTRY GRADER	27	GRADE 16
2	Q019 EGG PRODUCTS INSPECTOR	1	
3	Q089 SHELL EGG GRADER	5	
4	(8) K041 EXECUTIVE SECY/ADMINISTRATIVE SECY	<u>1</u>	GRADE 14
5	MAX NO. OF EMPLOYEES	58	

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7 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATIONS - EGG GRADING PROGRAM. There is hereby

8 appropriated, to the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission, to be payable

9 from the Poultry and Egg Grading Fund, for personal services and operating

10 ~~expenses of the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission - Egg Grading~~

11 Program for the biennial period ending June 30, 1999, the following:

13	ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
14	NO.	1997-98	1998-99
15	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 1,600,702	\$ 1,644,745
16	(02) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	517,815	526,001
17	(03) OVERTIME	250,000	250,000
18	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
19	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	147,086	147,086
20	(B) CONF. & TRVL.	18,350	18,350
21	(C) PROF. FEES	4,500	4,500
22	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	50,000	50,000
23	(E) DATA PROC.	4,500	4,500
24	(05) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	887,968	887,968
25	(06) EGG PROMOTION EXPENSE	<u>64,500</u>	<u>64,500</u>
26	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 3,545,421</u>	<u>\$ 3,597,650</u>

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28 SECTION 9. EXTRA HELP - SWAMP FEVER. There is hereby authorized,

29 for the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission - Swamp Fever Testing

30 Program for the 1997-99 biennium, the following maximum number of part-time or

31 temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds

32 appropriated herein for such purposes: one (1) temporary or part-time

33 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the

34 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for

35 the appropriate classification.

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2 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATIONS - SWAMP FEVER. There is hereby appropriated,
 3 to the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission, to be payable from the
 4 ~~Livestock and Poultry Fund Account, for personal services and operating~~
 5 expenses of the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission - Swamp Fever
 6 Testing Program for the biennial period ending June 30, 1999, the following:

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8 ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
9 NO.	1997-98	1998-99
10 (01) EXTRA HELP	\$ 17,500	\$ 17,500
11 (02) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	4,200	4,200
12 (03) SWAMP FEVER TESTING	<u>150,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>
13 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 171,700</u>	<u>\$ 171,700</u>

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15 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATIONS - SMALL ANIMAL TESTING. There is hereby
 16 appropriated, to the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission, to be payable
 17 ~~from the Livestock and Poultry Fund Account, for operating expenses of the~~
 18 Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission - Small Animal Testing Program for
 19 the biennial period ending June 30, 1999, the following:

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21 ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
22 NO.	1997-98	1998-99
23 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
24 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	140,000	140,000
25 (B) CONF. & TRVL.	0	0
26 (C) PROF. FEES	0	0
27 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	50,000	50,000
28 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
29 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 190,000</u>	<u>\$ 190,000</u>

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31 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATIONS - LARGE ANIMALS AND POULTRY. There is hereby
 32 appropriated, to the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission, to be payable
 33 from the Livestock and Poultry Fund Account, for operating expenses of the
 34 Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission - Large Animals and Poultry for the
 35 biennial period ending June 30, 1999, the following:

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2	ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
3	NO.	1997-98	1998-99
4	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
5	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	400,000	400,000
6	(B) CONF. & TRVL.	0	0
7	(C) PROF. FEES	0	0
8	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	100,000	100,000
9	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
10	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 500,000</u>	<u>\$ 500,000</u>

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12 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATIONS - BRAND REGISTRY. There is hereby

13 ~~appropriated, to the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission, to be payable~~

14 from the Livestock and Poultry Fund Account, for maintenance of the Brand

15 Registry Book by the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission for the

16 biennial period ending June 30, 1999, the following:

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18	ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
19	NO.	1997-98	1998-99
20	(01) BRAND REGISTRY	<u>\$ 6,000</u>	<u>\$ 6,000</u>

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22 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATIONS - INDEMNITIES. There is hereby appropriated,

23 ~~to the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission, to be payable from the~~

24 Miscellaneous Revolving Fund, for payment of authorized indemnities by the

25 Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission for the biennial period ending June

26 30, 1999, the following:

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28	ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
29	NO.	1997-98	1998-99
30	(01) INDEMNITIES	<u>\$ 45,000</u>	<u>\$ 45,000</u>

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32 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATIONS - POULTRY INDEMNITIES - CASH. There is

33 ~~hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission, to be~~

34 payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801 of the Arkansas

35 Livestock and Poultry Commission, for payment of poultry indemnities by the

1 Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission for the biennial period ending June
 2 30, 1999, the following:

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4 ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
5 NO.	1997-98	1998-99
6 (01) POULTRY INDEMNITIES	<u>\$ 10,000</u>	<u>\$ 10,000</u>

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8 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATIONS - SWINE TESTING. There is hereby
 9 ~~appropriated, to the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission, to be payable~~
 10 from the Livestock and Poultry Commission Swine Testing Fund, for the purpose
 11 of funding the Pseudorabies Control and Eradication Program of the Arkansas
 12 Livestock and Poultry Commission for the biennial period ending June 30, 1999,
 13 the following:

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15 ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
16 NO.	1997-98	1998-99
17 (01) SWINE TESTING PROGRAM	<u>\$ 30,000</u>	<u>\$ 30,000</u>

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19 SECTION 17. REGULAR SALARIES - VETERINARY SERVICES. There is hereby
 20 established for the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission - USDA
 21 Veterinary Services for the 1997-99 biennium, the following maximum number of
 22 regular employees whose salaries shall be governed by the provisions of the
 23 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et
 24 seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however,
 25 that any position to which a specific maximum annual salary is set out herein
 26 in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of said Uniform Classification
 27 ~~and Compensation Act. All persons occupying positions authorized herein are~~
 28 hereby governed by the provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and
 29 Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101), or its successor.

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31		Maximum Annual
32	Maximum	Salary Rate
33 Item Class	No. of	Fiscal Years
34 No. Code Title	Employees	1997-98 1998-99
35 (1) Q041 LIVESTOCK INSPECTOR	<u>12</u>	GRADE 16

1 MAX NO. OF EMPLOYEES 12

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 3 SECTION 18. APPROPRIATIONS - VETERINARY SERVICES - FEDERAL. There is
 4 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission, to be
 5 payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of
 6 the State, for personal services of the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry
 7 Commission - USDA Veterinary Services for the biennial period ending June 30,
 8 1999, the following:

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10 ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
11 NO.	1997-98	1998-99
12 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 257,290	\$ 264,391
13 (02) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	<u>83,847</u>	<u>85,169</u>
14 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 341,137</u>	<u>\$ 349,560</u>

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 16 SECTION 19. APPROPRIATIONS - SHOW PREMIUMS. There is hereby
 17 appropriated, to the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission, to be payable
 18 from the State General Services Fund Account, for show premiums and
 19 reimbursements by the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission for the
 20 biennial period ending June 30, 1999, the following:

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22 ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
23 NO.	1997-98	1998-99
24 (01) STATE LIVESTOCK SHOWS PREMIUMS	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000
25 (02) DISTRICT LIVESTOCK SHOW PREMIUMS	120,000	120,000
26 (03) COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW PREMIUMS	360,000	360,000
27 (04) DISTRICT JR. LIVESTOCK SHOW PREMIUMS	24,000	24,000
28 (05) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS 4H CLUBS	20,000	20,000
29 (06) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS FFA CLUBS	20,000	20,000
30 (07) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS MISS ARK. RODEO	350	350
31 (08) FOUR STATES LIVESTOCK SHOW PREMIUMS	24,000	24,000
32 (09) ARSHS RODEO ASSOCIATION	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>
33 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 708,350</u>	<u>\$ 708,350</u>

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 35 SECTION 20. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - BUFFALO GNAT CONTROL PROGRAM. The

1 Appropriation authorized for the Buffalo Gnat Control Program in Item (05) of
2 Section 3 of this Act, shall be expended only for the control of buffalo gnats
3 in the Arkansas counties of Miller, LaFayette, Little River and parts of
4 Hempstead.

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6 SECTION 21. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CARRY FORWARD. Any unexpended balance
7 of appropriation provided in Section 6 of this Act, which remains at the close
8 of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998, shall be carried forward and made
9 available for the same purpose for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999.

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11 SECTION 22. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - SHOW PREMIUMS. The Executive Director
12 shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the
13 administration and distribution of the appropriations authorized by Section 19
14 herein.

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16 SECTION 23. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT. Funds
17 appropriated in Item (05) (06) and (07) of Section 19 of this act shall be
18 used to reimburse members of high school 4H clubs, high school FFA clubs and
19 Miss Arkansas Rodeo for expenses incurred while representing the State of
20 Arkansas at national conferences and events outside the State. The State 4H
21 Association and the State FFA Association shall receive funds appropriated for
22 expense reimbursement of student members but shall be limited to \$20,000 each,
23 or so much thereof that is available. Reimbursement of expenses for Miss
24 Arkansas Rodeo shall be limited to \$350 per year.

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26 SECTION 24. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
27 authorized by this Act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
28 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
29 the restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and
30 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
31 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control
32 laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the
33 Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
34 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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1 SECTION 25. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
2 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
3 contained in this Act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which
4 this Act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
5 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
6 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
7 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
8 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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10 SECTION 26. CODE. All provisions of this Act of a general and
11 permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the
12 Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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14 SECTION 27. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Act or the
15 application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such
16 invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Act which
17 can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this
18 end the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

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20 SECTION 28. GENERAL REPEALER. All laws and parts of laws in conflict
21 with this Act are hereby repealed.

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23 SECTION 29. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the
24 Eighty-First General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas
25 prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that
26 the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 1997 is essential to the operation of
27 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
28 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective
29 date of this Act beyond July 1, 1997 could work irreparable harm upon the
30 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
31 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
32 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
33 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 1997.

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/s/Russ et al

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APPROVED: 2-14-97