

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

1 State of Arkansas
2 81st General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 1997
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As Engrossed: H2/12/97 H2/17/97

A Bill

ACT 357 OF 1997
HOUSE BILL 1492

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 STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT FOR
11 THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1999; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES."
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Subtitle

14 "AN ACT FOR THE STATE INSURANCE
15 DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION FOR THE 1997-99
16 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 - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
22 for the State Insurance Department - Operations for the 1997-99 biennium, the
23 following maximum number of regular employees whose salaries shall be governed
24 by the provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas
25 Code §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto.
26 Provided, however, that any position to which a specific maximum annual salary
27 is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of said
28 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All persons occupying positions
29 authorized herein are hereby governed by the provisions of the Regular
30 Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101), or its
31 successor.
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Item	Class	No. of	Maximum Annual
		Employees	Salary Rate
			Fiscal Years
No.	Code	Title	1997-98 1998-99

1	(1) 9917 ACTUARY - PROPERTY & CASUALTY	1	\$113,025	\$116,189
2	(2) 9918 ACTUARY - LIFE & HEALTH	1	\$113,025	\$116,189
3	(3) 9911 STATE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER	1	\$ 85,000	\$ 87,380
4	(4) 9919 INSURANCE DEPUTY DIRECTOR	2	\$ 72,000	\$ 74,016
5	(5) 7270 ASST CMSR - FINANCIAL REGULATIONS	1	\$ 66,333	\$
6	68,190			
7	(6) 9925 INSURANCE ASST COMMISSIONER-FINANCE	1	\$ 55,242	\$ 56,788
8	(7) 986Z INSURANCE RISK MANAGEMENT ADMR	1		GRADE 26
9	R038 ATTORNEY SUPERVISOR	1		
10	(8) A022 CERTIFIED FINANCIAL EXAMINER	5		GRADE 25
11	R170 ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	3		
12	(9) R036 ATTORNEY	1		GRADE 24
13	R006 ASSISTANT RISK MANAGEMENT ADMR	1		
14	(10) 055Z DATA PROCESSING MANAGER	1		GRADE 23
15	A140 INSURANCE SENIOR EXAMINER	4		
16	A005 INSURANCE PROPERTY & CASUALTY ADMIN	1		
17	A197 SR RISK SPECIALIST	1		
18	A146 INSURANCE LIFE & HEALTH ADMIN	1		
19	A007 INSURANCE CONSUMER SVCS ADMIN	1		
20	A143 INSURANCE LICENSING ADMIN	1		
21	(11) A251 SR AUDITOR	1		GRADE 21
22	D123 APPLICATIONS & SYSTEMS ANALYST	1		
23	(12) A250 JR AUDITOR	1		GRADE 20
24	A145 INSURANCE CONSUMER SVCS SUPV	1		
25	A182 INSURANCE RISK SPEC	2		
26	A048 INSURANCE EXAMINER	5		
27	R001 INSURANCE PERSONNEL MANAGER	1		
28	R266 MANAGEMENT PROJECT ANALYST II	2		
29	A011 MARKET CONDUCT EXAMINER	1		
30	A010 CERTIFIED RATE & FORM ANALYST	1		
31	A038 FINANCIAL ANALYST	4		
32	(13) D132 SYSTEMS COORDINATION ANALYST I	1		GRADE 19
33	(14) A142 RATE & FORM ANALYST	9		GRADE 18
34	A094 SECURITIES CUSTODIAN	1		
35	A111 ACCOUNTANT	2		

1	D034 PROGRAMMER ANALYST	1	
2	(15) X361 INSURANCE INVESTIGATOR	9	GRADE 17
3	R010 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	2	
4	(16) R009 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT I	2	GRADE 15
5	A108 ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN II	2	
6	(17) K117 MEDICAL OR LEGAL SECRETARY	3	GRADE 14
7	K041 EXECUTIVE SECY/ADMINISTRATIVE SECY	5	
8	(18) K153 SECRETARY II	9	GRADE 13
9	(19) K039 DOCUMENT EXAMINER II	9	GRADE 12
10	A106 ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN I	1	
11	(20) K155 SECRETARY I	1	GRADE 11
12	(21) K006 DATA ENTRY SPECIALIST	<u>2</u>	GRADE 10
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	MAX NO. OF EMPLOYEES	108	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the State Insurance Department - Operations for the 1997-99 biennium, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: ten (10) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATIONS - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the State Insurance Department, to be payable from the State Insurance Department Trust Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the State Insurance Department - Operations for the biennial period ending June 30, 1999, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS	
	1997-98	1998-99
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 3,317,306	\$ 3,407,841
(02) EXTRA HELP	40,000	40,000
(03) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	940,874	958,150
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,026,021	1,044,331

1	(B) CONF. & TRVL.	20,036	20,036
2	(C) PROF. FEES	20,000	20,000
3	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	120,000	120,000
4	(E) DATA PROC.	102,081	102,081
5	(05) BLDG REPAIR/MAINT	50,000	50,000
6	(06) PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	<u>275,000</u>	<u>275,000</u>
7	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 5,911,318</u>	<u>\$ 6,037,439</u>

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9 SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - PUBLIC EMPLOYEES CLAIMS SECTION. There

10 is hereby established for the State Insurance Department - Public Employees

11 Claims Section for the 1997-99 biennium, the following maximum number of

12 regular employees whose salaries shall be governed by the provisions of the

13 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et

14 seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however,

15 that any position to which a specific maximum annual salary is set out herein

16 in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of said Uniform Classification

17 and Compensation Act. All persons occupying positions authorized herein are

18 hereby governed by the provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and

19 Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101), or its successor.

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21 ~~Maximum Annual~~

22		Maximum	Salary Rate
23	Item Class	No. of	Fiscal Years
24	No. Code Title	Employees	1997-98 1998-99
25	(1) 767Z WRKS COMP PUB EMP CLAIM ADMR	1	GRADE 26
26	(2) R170 ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	2	GRADE 25
27	(3) 074Z WRKS COMP PUB EMP BEN DET ASST DIR	1	GRADE 24
28	(4) R316 WRKS COMP PUB EMP BEN DET MGR	6	GRADE 23
29	(5) L193 MEDICAL REHAB REPRESENTATIVE	1	GRADE 20
30	(6) R400 WRKS COMP PUB EMP BEN DET ASST MGR	3	GRADE 19
31	(7) A111 ACCOUNTANT	1	GRADE 18
32	(8) R010 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	1	GRADE 17
33	(9) X350 HLTH CARE ANALYST I	1	GRADE 15
34	K011 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE SUPERVISOR	1	
35	R009 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT I	1	

1	(10) K117 MEDICAL OR LEGAL SECRETARY	1	GRADE 14
2	(11) K153 SECRETARY II	4	GRADE 13
3	(12) K039 DOCUMENT EXAMINER II	1	GRADE 12
4	A106 ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN I	3	
5	(13) K155 SECRETARY I	2	GRADE 11
6	(14) K037 DOCUMENT EXAMINER I	<u>3</u>	GRADE 10
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	MAX NO. OF EMPLOYEES		

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATIONS - PUBLIC EMPLOYEES CLAIMS SECTION. There is hereby appropriated, to the State Insurance Department, to be payable from the State General Services Fund Account, for personal services and operating ~~expenses of the State Insurance Department - Public Employees Claims Section~~ for the biennial period ending June 30, 1999, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS	
	1997-98	1998-99
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 884,642	\$ 908,714
(02) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	265,319	269,871
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	169,355	169,355
(B) CONF. & TRVL.	2,700	2,700
(C) PROF. FEES	0	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	8,000	8,000
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>10,722</u>	<u>10,722</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 1,340,738</u>	<u>\$ 1,369,362</u>

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATIONS - FIREMEN'S RELIEF AND PENSION. There is hereby appropriated, to the State Insurance Department, to be payable from the Firemen's Relief and Pension Fund, for payment of Firemen's Relief and Pension ~~Fund Taxes by the State Insurance Department - Firemen's Relief and Pension~~ Fund Taxes for the biennial period ending June 30, 1999, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS	
	1997-98	1998-99
(01) FIREMEN'S RELIEF & PENSION FUND TAX	<u>\$ 16,150,000</u>	<u>\$ 16,150,000</u>

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2 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATIONS - POLICE OFFICER'S PENSION AND RELIEF. There
 3 is hereby appropriated, to the State Insurance Department, to be payable from
 4 the Police Officer's Pension and Relief Fund, for payment of Police Officer's
 5 ~~Pension and Relief Fund Taxes by the State Insurance Department - Police~~
 6 Officer's Pension and Relief Fund Taxes for the biennial period ending June
 7 30, 1999, the following:

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9 ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
10 NO.	1997-98	1998-99
11 (01) POLICE OFFICER'S PENSION AND		
12 RELIEF FUND TAXES		<u>\$</u>
13 <u>14,250,000</u> \$ <u>14,250,000</u>		

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15 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATIONS - TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE - CASH. There is
 16 hereby appropriated, to the State Insurance Department, to be payable from
 17 ~~cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-001 of the State Insurance~~
 18 Department, for travel and subsistence expenses of the State Insurance
 19 Department - Travel and Subsistence for the biennial period ending June 30,
 20 1999, the following:

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22 ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
23 NO.	1997-98	1998-99
24 (01) TRAVEL & SUBSISTENCE EXPENSES	<u>\$ 190,000</u>	<u>\$ 190,000</u>

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26 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATIONS - GOVERNMENTAL BONDING BOARD. There is hereby
 27 ~~appropriated, to the State Insurance Department, to be payable from the~~
 28 Fidelity Bond Trust Fund, for operating expenses of the State Insurance
 29 Department - Governmental Bonding Board for the biennial period ending June
 30 30, 1999, the following:

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32 ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
33 NO.	1997-98	1998-99
34 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
35 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000

1	(B) CONF. & TRVL.	0	0
2	(C) PROF. FEES	0	0
3	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
4	(E) DATA PROC.	0	0
5	(02) INVESTMENTS	760,637	760,637
6	(03) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	150,000	150,000
7	(04) CLAIMS	1,000,000	1,000,000
8	(05) PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	50,000	50,000
9	(06) REINSURANCE	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>
10	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 2,215,637</u>	<u>\$ 2,215,637</u>

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12 ~~SECTION 10. APPROPRIATIONS - REFUNDS OF OVERPAYMENTS. There is hereby~~
 13 appropriated, to the State Insurance Department, to be payable from the
 14 Miscellaneous Revolving Fund, for the payment of miscellaneous tax and fee
 15 refunds by the State Insurance Department for the biennial period ending June
 16 30, 1999, the following:

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18	ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
19	NO.	1997-98	1998-99
20	(01) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>\$ 11,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 11,000,000</u>

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22 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATIONS - PUBLIC SCHOOL, COUNTY AND CITY EMPLOYEES
 23 ~~CLAIMS. There is hereby appropriated, to the State Insurance Department, to~~
 24 be payable from the Miscellaneous Revolving Fund, for the payment of public
 25 school, county and city employees claims by the State Insurance Department -
 26 Public Employees Claims Section for the biennial period ending June 30, 1999,
 27 the following:

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29	ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
30	NO.	1997-98	1998-99
31	(01) PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE CLAIMS	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 2,000,000
32	(02) COUNTY EMPLOYEE CLAIMS	850,000	500,000
33	(03) CITY EMPLOYEE CLAIMS	<u>800,000</u>	<u>450,000</u>
34	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 4,150,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,950,000</u>

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1 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATIONS - STATE EMPLOYEE CLAIMS. There is hereby
 2 appropriated, to the State Insurance Department, to be payable from the
 3 Workers' Compensation Revolving Fund, for the payment of state employees
 4 claims by the State Insurance Department - Public Employees Claims Section for
 5 the biennial period ending June 30, 1999, the following:

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7 ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
8 NO.	1997-98	1998-99
9 (01) STATE EMPLOYEE CLAIMS	<u>\$ 13,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 12,500,000</u>

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11 ~~SECTION 13. APPROPRIATIONS - CONSUMER INFORMATION SYSTEM - CASH. There~~
 12 is hereby appropriated, to the State Insurance Department, to be payable from
 13 cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801 of the State Insurance
 14 Department, for operating expenses of the State Insurance Department -
 15 Consumer Information System for the biennial period ending June 30, 1999, the
 16 following:

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18 ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
19 NO.	1997-98	1998-99
20 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
21 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$ 139,400	\$ 139,400
22 (B) CONF. & TRVL.	0	0
23 (C) PROF. FEES	5,000	5,000
24 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
25 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
26 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 144,400</u>	<u>\$ 144,400</u>

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28 SECTION 14. REGULAR SALARIES - CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM. There is
 29 hereby established for the State Insurance Department - Continuing Education
 30 Program for the 1997-99 biennium, the following maximum number of regular
 31 employees whose salaries shall be governed by the provisions of the Uniform
 32 Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its
 33 successor, and all laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however, that any
 34 position to which a specific maximum annual salary is set out herein in
 35 dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of said Uniform Classification

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

Item	Class	Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code	No. of	Salary Rate
	Title	Employees	Fiscal Years
9	(1) K039 DOCUMENT EXAMINER II	<u>1</u>	GRADE 12
10	MAX NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1	

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 13 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATIONS - CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM. There is
 14 hereby appropriated, to the State Insurance Department, to be payable from the
 15 Insurance Continuing Education Trust Fund, for personal services of the State
 16 Insurance Department - Continuing Education Program for the biennial period
 17 ending June 30, 1999, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
NO.	1997-98	1998-99
21 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 14,874	\$ 15,279
22 (02) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	<u>5,800</u>	<u>5,877</u>
23 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 20,674</u>	<u>\$</u>
24 <u>21,156</u>		

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 26 SECTION 16. REGULAR SALARIES - FRAUD INVESTIGATION UNIT. There is
 27 hereby established for the State Insurance Department - Fraud Investigation
 28 Unit for the 1997-99 biennium, the following maximum number of regular
 29 employees whose salaries shall be governed by the provisions of the Uniform
 30 Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its
 31 successor, and all laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however, that any
 32 position to which a specific maximum annual salary is set out herein in
 33 dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of said Uniform Classification
 34 and Compensation Act. All persons occupying positions authorized herein are
 35 ~~hereby governed by the provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and~~

1 Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101), or its successor.

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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate	
				Fiscal Years 1997-98	Fiscal Years 1998-99
(1)	8911	DIRECTOR, FRAUD INVESTIGATION	1	\$ 57,575	\$ 59,187
(2)	801Z	ASST DIRECTOR - FRAUD INVESTIGATION	1		GRADE 26
	R038	ATTORNEY SUPERVISOR	1		
(3)	R170	ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	2		GRADE 25
(4)	909Z	PROGRAM SUPPORT MANAGER	1		GRADE 22
(5)	R266	MANAGEMENT PROJECT ANALYST II	4		GRADE 20
(6)	K117	MEDICAL OR LEGAL SECRETARY	2		GRADE 14
		MAX NO. OF EMPLOYEES	12		

17 SECTION 17. APPROPRIATIONS - FRAUD INVESTIGATION UNIT. There is hereby
18 appropriated, to the State Insurance Department, to be payable from the State
19 Insurance Department Trust Fund, for personal services and operating expenses
20 of the State Insurance Department - Fraud Investigation Unit for the biennial
21 period ending June 30, 1999, the following:

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ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS	
	1997-98	1998-99
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 395,478	\$ 406,258
(02) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	110,332	112,359
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	102,386	102,386
(B) CONF. & TRVL.	4,000	4,000
(C) PROF. FEES	11,000	11,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0	0
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 623,196</u>	<u>\$ 636,003</u>

35 SECTION 18. REGULAR SALARIES - HEALTH INFORMATION COUNSELING. There is

1 hereby established for the State Insurance Department - Health Information
 2 Counseling for the 1997-99 biennium, the following maximum number of regular
 3 ~~employees whose salaries shall be governed by the provisions of the Uniform~~
 4 Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its
 5 successor, and all laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however, that any
 6 position to which a specific maximum annual salary is set out herein in
 7 dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of said Uniform Classification
 8 and Compensation Act. All persons occupying positions authorized herein are
 9 hereby governed by the provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and
 10 Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101), or its successor.

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		Maximum Annual		
		Maximum	Salary Rate	
		No. of	Fiscal Years	
14	Item Class			
15	No. Code Title	Employees	1997-98	1998-99
16	(1) M113 VOLUNTEER PROGRAM MANAGER	1		GRADE 21
17	(2) X361 INSURANCE INVESTIGATOR	1		GRADE 17
18	(3) N327 INFORMATION OFFICER I	1		GRADE 14
19	(4) K153 SECRETARY II	1		GRADE 13
20	(5) K155 SECRETARY I	<u>1</u>		GRADE 11
21	MAX NO. OF EMPLOYEES	5		

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23 SECTION 19. APPROPRIATIONS - HEALTH INFORMATION COUNSELING. There is
 24 hereby appropriated, to the State Insurance Department, to be payable from the
 25 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 26 personal services and operating expenses of the State Insurance Department -
 27 Health Information Counseling for the biennial period ending June 30, 1999,
 28 the following:

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		FISCAL YEARS	
		1997-98	1998-99
30	ITEM		
31	NO.		
32	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 96,946	\$ 99,585
33	(02) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	33,247	33,739
34	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
35	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	90,359	90,359

1	(B) CONF. & TRVL.	3,000	3,000
2	(C) PROF. FEES	3,000	3,000
3	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
4	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
5	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 226,552</u>	<u>\$ 229,683</u>

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7 SECTION 20. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds

8 authorized by this Act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency

9 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and

10 the restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and

11 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary

12 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control

13 laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the

14 Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be

15 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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17 SECTION 21. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General

18 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations

19 contained in this Act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which

20 this Act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive

21 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget

22 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or

23 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative

24 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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26 SECTION 22. CODE. All provisions of this Act of a general and

27 permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the

28 Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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30 SECTION 23. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Act or the

31 application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such

32 invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Act which

33 can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this

34 end the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

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1 SECTION 24. GENERAL REPEALER. All laws and parts of laws in conflict
2 with this Act are hereby repealed.

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

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/s/Rep. Thicksten, et al

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