

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.

Act 2272 of the Regular Session

1 State of Arkansas
2 85th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2005

As Engrossed: S2/24/05 S4/12/05

A Bill

SENATE BILL 237

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

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL
10 SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS FOR THE BIENNIAL
12 PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2007; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS'
17 AFFAIRS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2005-2007
18 BIENNIUM.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the
25 Department of Veterans' Affairs for the 2005-2007 biennium, the following
26 maximum number of regular employees whose salaries shall be governed by the
27 provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code
28 §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto.
29 Provided, however, that any position to which a specific maximum annual
30 salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of
31 said Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All persons occupying
32 positions authorized herein are hereby governed by the provisions of the
33 Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101),
34 or its successor.
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				Maximum	Maximum Annual
				No. of	Salary Rate
	Item	Class		Employees	Fiscal Years
	No.	Code	Title		2005-2006 2006-2007
5	(1)	9989	VETERANS DIR DEPT OF VETERAN AFFAIR	1	\$80,875 \$82,961
6	(2)	751Z	VETERANS AFFAIRS ASSISTANT DIR	1	GRADE 24
7	(3)	752Z	VETERANS HOME SUPERVISOR	3	GRADE 24
8	(4)	A032	AGENCY FISCAL MANAGER	1	GRADE 22
9	(5)	L078	NURSE SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE 22
10	(6)	R438	VETERANS HOME ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE 22
11	(7)	L082	NURSING SERVICES SPECIALIST	1	GRADE 21
12	(8)	A008	ACCOUNTING SUPERVISOR II	1	GRADE 21
13	(9)	M088	SOCIAL WORKER II	4	GRADE 20
14	(10)	L070	NURSE II	14	GRADE 20
15	(11)	R266	MANAGEMENT PROJECT ANALYST II	3	GRADE 20
16	(12)	M056	REHAB COUNSELOR III	1	GRADE 19
17	(13)	R097	CHIEF CLAIMS & APPEALS SECTION	1	GRADE 19
18	(14)	A110	ACCOUNTANT II	1	GRADE 19
19	(15)	A111	ACCOUNTANT	1	GRADE 18
20	(16)	G028	BLDG PLANT MAINTENANCE SUPV II	2	GRADE 18
21	(17)	M098	VETERANS CLAIMS SPECIALIST	8	GRADE 18
22	(18)	H032	FOOD PRODUCTION MANAGER	1	GRADE 18
23	(19)	R264	MANAGEMENT PROJECT ANALYST I	1	GRADE 18
24	(20)	R010	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	2	GRADE 17
25	(21)	R190	PERSONNEL OFFICER II	2	GRADE 17
26	(22)	M095	VOLUNTEER PROGRAM DEVELOPER I	1	GRADE 17
27	(23)	G161	GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPAIRMAN	3	GRADE 17
28	(24)	A108	ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN II	2	GRADE 15
29	(25)	G043	EQUIPMENT MECHANIC	1	GRADE 15
30	(26)	L115	LPN II/LPTN II	23	GRADE 15
31	(27)	M048	RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER II	2	GRADE 15
32	(28)	T047	SECURITY OFFICER III	11	GRADE 15
33	(29)	K041	EXECUTIVE SECY/ADMINISTRATIVE SECY	4	GRADE 14
34	(30)	K153	SECRETARY II	4	GRADE 13
35	(31)	T045	SECURITY OFFICER II	2	GRADE 12
36	(32)	K155	SECRETARY I	1	GRADE 11

1	(33)	G151	CUSTODIAL SERVICE SHIFT SUPV	1	GRADE 11
2	(34)	L081	NURSING ASST II	84	GRADE 11
3	(35)	G165	WORK MAINTENANCE LEADER	3	GRADE 10
4	(36)	H005	BAKER II	1	GRADE 10
5	(37)	H027	COOK II	7	GRADE 10
6	(38)	G169	CUSTODIAL SUPV I	1	GRADE 06
7	(39)	H043	FOOD SERVICE WORKER II	4	GRADE 05
8	(40)	G075	HOUSEKEEPER	1	GRADE 04
9	(41)	G035	CUSTODIAL WRKR II	<u>7</u>	GRADE 04
10			MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	216	

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12 *SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,*
 13 *to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the Miscellaneous*
 14 *Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the*
 15 *Department of Veterans' Affairs - State Operations for the biennial period*
 16 *ending June 30, 2007, the following:*

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19	ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
20	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2005-2006</u>	<u>2006-2007</u>
21	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 678,333	\$ 698,405
22	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	233,214	237,500
23	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
24	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	37,014	37,234
25	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	2,850	2,630
26	(C) PROF. FEES	0	0
27	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
28	(E) DATA PROC.	2,640	2,740
29	(04) AID TO COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE		
30	OFFICES	<u>283,500</u>	<u>283,500</u>
31	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 1,237,551</u>	<u>\$ 1,262,009</u>

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34 *SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' HOME DIVISION - STATE. There is*
 35 *hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable*
 36 *from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and*

operating expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Home Division - State for the biennial period ending June 30, 2007, the following:

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ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS	
	2005-2006	2006-2007
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 2,043,623	\$ 2,107,342
(02) EXTRA HELP	31,000	31,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	766,107	779,716
(04) OVERTIME	18,000	18,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	578,120	578,120
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,000	5,000
(C) PROF. FEES	54,000	54,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
(E) DATA PROC.	9,900	10,275
(06) REFUND/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>157,000</u>	<u>157,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 3,662,750</u>	<u>\$ 3,740,453</u>

SECTION 4. EXTRA HELP - VETERANS' HOME DIVISION - STATE. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Home - State for the 2005-2007 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: seven (7) 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 5. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' HOME - FAYETTEVILLE - STATE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Home - Fayetteville - State for the biennial period ending June 30, 2007, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS	
	2005-2006	2006-2007
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 2,016,286	\$ 2,083,576
(02) EXTRA HELP	40,000	40,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	838,850	853,223
(04) OVERTIME	40,000	40,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	607,027	607,027
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,250	5,250
(C) PROF. FEES	56,700	56,700
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
(E) DATA PROC.	36,900	23,000
(06) REFUND/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>157,000</u>	<u>157,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 3,798,013</u>	<u>\$ 3,865,776</u>

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16 SECTION 6. EXTRA HELP - VETERANS' HOME - FAYETTEVILLE - STATE. There is
 17 hereby authorized, for the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Home -
 18 Fayetteville - State for the 2005-2007 biennium, the following maximum number
 19 of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable
 20 from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: seven (7) temporary or
 21 part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those
 22 provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its
 23 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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25 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' CEMETERY - STATE. There is hereby
 26 appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the
 27 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating
 28 expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Cemetery - State
 29 for the biennial period ending June 30, 2007, the following:

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ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS	
	2005-2006	2006-2007
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 144,498	\$ 148,830
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	53,905	54,831
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		

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1	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	52,390	52,390
2	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0	0
3	(C) PROF. FEES	0	0
4	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
5	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>660</u>	<u>685</u>
6	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 251,453</u>	<u>\$ 256,736</u>

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 8 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATIONS - VETERANS' CEMETERY - CASH. There is hereby
 9 appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from cash
 10 funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801 of the Department of Veterans'
 11 Affairs, for operating expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs -
 12 Veterans' Cemetery - Cash for the biennial period ending June 30, 2007, the
 13 following:

16	ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
17	NO.	2005-2006	2006-2007
18	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
19	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$ 0	\$ 0
20	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0	0
21	(C) PROF. FEES	0	0
22	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	100,000	100,000
23	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
24	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 100,000</u>	<u>\$ 100,000</u>

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 26 SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 27 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
 28 FAYETTEVILLE VETERANS' HOME. Before funds or appropriations for the
 29 Fayetteville Nursing Home are spent, the Department of Veterans' Affairs
 30 shall present to the Joint Budget Committee or the Arkansas Legislative
 31 Council, a detailed report of the proposed project and a revised budget for
 32 operation showing there are sufficient funds for the entire operation. No
 33 funds shall be expended on construction or renovation of the Fayetteville
 34 Nursing Home until there is a balanced operating budget presented to the
 35 Joint Budget Committee or the Arkansas Legislative Council showing no
 36 additional general revenue will be needed for the operation of the home.

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2 Before any additional expenditures for the 2004 – 2005 fiscal year are spent,
3 the Department of Veterans' Affairs shall present to the Joint Budget
4 Committee or the Arkansas Legislative Council, a detailed report of the
5 proposed project and a revised budget for operation of the Nursing Home.
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7 SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
8 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRAINING
9 CONFERENCES. The funds appropriated herein for Aid to County Veterans Service
10 Offices may also be used by the Department of Veteran Affairs to pay expenses
11 of County Veterans Service Officers for attending regional or statewide
12 training conferences approved by the Department of Veterans Affairs and
13 designed to provide better trained and qualified Veterans Service Officers in
14 the various counties. Any such expenses paid by the Department of Veterans
15 Affairs from funds appropriated herein shall be on the same reimbursement
16 basis as the reimbursement of state employees for expenses incurred in
17 attending their official business. Provided, no County Veterans Service
18 Officer shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for expenses incurred in
19 attending more than two (2) approved conferences per year, per county. The
20 provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2003~~ 2005
21 through June 30, ~~2005~~ 2007.
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23 SECTION 11. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized
24 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds
25 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the
26 restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
27 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
28 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
29 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
30 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
31 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.
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33 SECTION 12. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
34 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
35 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
36 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations

1 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by
2 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
3 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or
4 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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6 SECTION 13. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
7 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
8 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the
9 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2005 is essential to the operation of
10 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
11 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective
12 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2005 could work irreparable harm upon the
13 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
14 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
15 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
16 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2005.

17 */s/ Joint Budget Committee*

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