

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 1271 of the Regular Session

As Engrossed: H3/30/07

A Bill

1 State of Arkansas  
2 86th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2007

SENATE BILL 758

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5 By: Senator Whitaker  
6 By: Representative Pyle

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9 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

10 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT  
11 OF ARKANSAS HERITAGE - HISTORIC PRESERVATION FOR  
12 RENOVATION AND IMPROVEMENTS TO HISTORIC *BRIDGES*;  
13 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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16 **Subtitle**

17 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS  
18 HERITAGE - HISTORIC PRESERVATION -  
19 RENOVATION AND IMPROVEMENTS TO HISTORIC  
20 *BRIDGES* GENERAL IMPROVEMENT  
21 APPROPRIATION.

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

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25 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS - HISTORIC *BRIDGES*. There is hereby  
26 appropriated, to the Department of Arkansas Heritage - Historic Preservation,  
27 to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund  
28 accounts, the following:

29 (A) For renovations and improvements to Historic *Bridges*, the sum of  
30 .....\$20,000.

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32 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
33 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. GRANTS.  
34 The grants authorized in Section 1 of this act shall not be restricted by  
35 local population limitations, dollar amount limitations, or dollar matching



1 requirements that may be applicable to other grant programs currently  
2 administered by the Department of Arkansas Heritage. The Department of  
3 Arkansas Heritage may adopt rules and regulations to carry out the intent of  
4 the General Assembly regarding the grant appropriations authorized in Section  
5 1 of this Act.

6 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2007  
7 through June 30, 2009.

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9 SECTION 3. As referenced in SECTION 3 of the Act introduced as Senate  
10 Bill 833 of 2007, the authorized funding for the project for renovations and  
11 improvements to Historic Silver Bridge shall instead be deemed to be for  
12 renovations and improvements to Historic Bridges.

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14 SECTION 4. As referenced in SECTION 3 of the Act introduced as House Bill  
15 2501 of 2007, the authorized funding for the project for renovations and  
16 improvements to Historic Silver Bridge shall instead be deemed to be for  
17 renovations and improvements to Historic Bridges.

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19 SECTION 5. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor  
20 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
21 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  
22 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and  
23 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and  
24 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or  
25 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State  
26 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects  
27 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds  
28 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General  
29 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall  
30 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

31 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State Purchasing  
32 Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue  
33 Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this State  
34 and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration,  
35 as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of any  
36 funds provided by this act unless specifically provided otherwise by law.

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

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11 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
12 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
13 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the  
14 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2007 is essential to the operation of  
15 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
16 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective  
17 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2007 could work irreparable harm upon the  
18 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.  
19 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being  
20 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and  
21 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2007.

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23 /s/ Whitaker

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25 APPROVED: 4/5/2007  
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