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## A Bill

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HOUSE BILL 1498

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### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING MILITARY-TYPE  
CANTEENS AND EXCHANGES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING MILITARY-  
TYPE CANTEENS AND EXCHANGES.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-63-404(b), concerning the establishment  
and operations of military-type canteens and exchanges, is amended to read as  
follows:

*(b)(1) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (b)(2) of this section, a  
military-type canteen and exchange established or operated under this section  
is subject to similar procedures, policies, privileges, limitations, and  
restrictions governing the canteens and exchanges of the Army and Air Force  
Exchange Service, as the Adjutant General may deem advisable, necessary, or  
expedient.*

*(2)(A) Military-type canteens and exchanges established or operated  
under this section shall not sell, trade, exchange, market, or vend  
automobiles, household appliances, furniture, building products, motorcycles,  
or bicycles.*

~~*(B) Military-type canteens and exchanges may contract with one (1) or  
more automobile rental agencies to provide leased or rented vehicles for use  
by uniformed service members, trainees, and other temporary residents of  
military reservations.*~~



1 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 12-63-406(a), concerning the inventory and  
2 sales of military-type canteens and exchanges, is amended to read as follows:

3 (a) The Adjutant General, acting for and on behalf of the Arkansas  
4 National Guard, may enter into a contract or agreement with military-focused  
5 nonprofits, military-focused nonprofit foundations, or other entities for the  
6 purchase of normally regarded military-type canteen and exchange inventory  
7 items, subject to ~~the limitations prescribed in~~ § 12-63-404.

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9 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 12-63-409 is amended to read as follows:

10 12-63-409. Military-type canteens and exchanges – Use of funds.

11 All nonappropriated funds derived from the operation of ~~the Robinson~~  
12 ~~Maneuver Training Center and the Fort Chaffee Joint Maneuver Training Center~~  
13 military-type canteens and exchanges under the authority of the Adjutant  
14 General shall be used exclusively for improvements on, to, or for the  
15 Robinson Maneuver Training Center, the Fort Chaffee Joint Maneuver Training  
16 Center, or any other military reservation, armory, or airfield, or for the  
17 general welfare of the units and members of the Arkansas National Guard.

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19 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 12-63-410(a), concerning the termination of  
20 of the operation of military-type canteens and exchanges, is amended to read  
21 as follows:

22 (a) If the Adjutant General deems it to be in the best interest of the  
23 military forces of this state or of the United States, the Adjutant General  
24 may enter into an agreement or agreements with the Army and Air Force  
25 Exchange Service for the institution, maintenance, and operation by the Army  
26 and Air Force Exchange Service of post exchanges on ~~the Robinson Maneuver~~  
27 ~~Training Center or the Fort Chaffee Joint Maneuver Training Center, or both~~  
28 military properties and military reservations of the Arkansas National Guard.

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30 /s/Painter

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