

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 1270 of the Regular Session

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

As Engrossed: H3/30/07

A Bill

SENATE BILL 756

5 By: Senator Whitaker

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL SERVICES FOR DEVELOPMENT ALONG SCENIC HIGHWAYS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL SERVICES - DEVELOPMENT ALONG SCENIC HIGHWAYS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS – SCENIC HIGHWAYS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Rural Services, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) For further development along scenic highways, parks and other improvements, the sum of .....\$20,000.

SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. GRANTS. The grants authorized in Section 1 of this act shall not be restricted by local population limitations, dollar amount limitations, or dollar matching requirements that may be applicable to other grant programs currently administered by the Department of Rural Services. The Department of Rural Services may adopt rules and regulations to carry out the intent of the



1 General Assembly regarding the grant appropriations authorized in Section 1  
2 of this Act.

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

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6 SECTION 3. As referenced in SECTION 3 of the Act introduced as Senate  
7 Bill 833 of 2007, the authorized funding for the project for further  
8 development along scenic highway #71, parks and other improvements shall  
9 instead be deemed to be for further development along scenic highways, parks  
10 and other improvements.

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12 SECTION 4. As referenced in SECTION 3 of the Act introduced as House Bill  
13 2501 of 2007, the authorized funding for the project for further development  
14 along scenic highway #71, parks and other improvements shall instead be  
15 deemed to be for further development along scenic highways, parks and other  
16 improvements.

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

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

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

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

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22 /s/ Whitaker

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24 APPROVED: 4/5/2007