

**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 518 of the Regular Session**

1 State of Arkansas
2 87th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2009
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1511

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

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT
10 OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
11 PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS'
15 AFFAIRS GENERAL IMPROVEMENT
16 APPROPRIATION.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT. There is hereby
23 appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the
24 General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the
25 following:

26 (A) For major maintenance, renovation, repair and equipment for the Little
27 Rock Veterans' Home, the sum of\$109,800.

28 (B) For construction expenses associated with the Arkansas Veterans'
29 Cemetery at Birdeye, the sum of\$7,549,278.
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31 SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
32 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
33 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
34 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
35 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and



1 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
2 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
3 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
4 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
5 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
6 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
7 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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

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24 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
25 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
26 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
27 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2009 is essential to the operation of
28 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
29 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective
30 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2009 could work irreparable harm upon the
31 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
32 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
33 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
34 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2009.

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36 APPROVED: 3/24/2009