

1 State of Arkansas  
2 89th General Assembly  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 708

5 By: Senator J. English  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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

25 (A) for operating, construction, renovations, improvements, equipment  
26 and maintenance expenses, in a sum not to exceed.....\$500,000.  
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28 SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor  
29 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
30 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  
31 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and  
32 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and  
33 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or  
34 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State  
35 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects  
36 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds



1 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General  
2 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall  
3 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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

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20 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
21 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
22 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
23 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2013 is essential to the operation of  
24 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
25 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
26 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2013 could work irreparable harm  
27 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
28 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
29 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
30 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2013.

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33 **APPROVED: 04/04/2013**  
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