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A Bill

SENATE BILL 553

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 FALLEN HEROES MEMORIAL; AND FOR
10 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS'
14 AFFAIRS - FALLEN HEROES MEMORIAL GENERAL
15 IMPROVEMENT 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 - FALLEN HEROES MEMORIAL. There is hereby
22 appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the
23 General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the
24 following:

25 (A) for operating, construction, improvements, equipment and
26 maintenance expenses associated with a Fallen Heroes Memorial to honor
27 Arkansans killed in the war on terrorism, in a sum not to exceed
28\$400,000.
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30 SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
31 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
32 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
33 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
34 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
35 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
36 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State



1 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
2 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
3 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
4 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
5 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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

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22 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
23 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
24 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
25 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2015 is essential to the operation of
26 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
27 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
28 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2015 could work irreparable harm
29 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
30 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
31 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
32 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2015.

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35 APPROVED: 03/16/2015
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