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A Bill

SENATE BILL 82

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

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
10 VETERANS' AFFAIRS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,
11 2021; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

13 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS'
14 AFFAIRS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2020-2021
15 FISCAL YEAR.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY. There is hereby
22 established for the Department of Veterans' Affairs for the 2020-2021 fiscal
23 year, the following maximum number of regular employees.
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Item	Class		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
			Employees	Fiscal Year
				2020-2021
(1)	SC015	SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS	<u>1</u>	GRADE SE05
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1	

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32 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY. There is hereby
33 appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the
34 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating
35 expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs for the fiscal year ending
36 June 30, 2021, the following:



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2	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
3	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
4	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$132,000
5	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	35,361
6	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
7	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	0
8	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
9	(C) PROF. FEES	0
10	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
11	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
12	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$167,361</u>
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14 SECTION 3. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
 15 for the Department of Veterans' Affairs for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the
 16 following maximum number of regular employees.

18			Maximum Annual
19		Maximum	Salary Rate
20	Item Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
21	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
22	(1) U008U ADVA DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE02
23	(2) L018N NURSE PRACTITIONER	1	GRADE MP04
24	(3) L009C NURSE MANAGER	2	GRADE MP03
25	(4) L019C REGISTERED NURSE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE MP02
26	(5) L027C REGISTERED NURSE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE MP02
27	(6) L032C REGISTERED NURSE - HOSPITAL	19	GRADE MP01
28	(7) D020C INST INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COORD	1	GRADE IT05
29	(8) D079C COMPUTER SUPPORT TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE IT02
30	(9) N197N NURSING HOME DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS15
31	(10) G039N ADVA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS14
32	(11) L026N STATE VETERANS HOME ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE GS14
33	(12) A133C ADVA CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	1	GRADE GS13
34	(13) A031C ASSISTANT CONTROLLER	1	GRADE GS11
35	(13.1) A027C ACCOUNTING OPERATIONS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS11
36	(14) G254C ADVA DIVISION MANAGER	2	GRADE GS10

1	(15)	A050C AGENCY FISCAL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
2	(16)	M009C LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER	2	GRADE GS09
3	(16.1)	L021C NURSING HOME ASST ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE GS09
4	(16.2)	X038C QUALITY ASSURANCE MANAGER	2	GRADE GS09
5	(17)	A082C ACCOUNTANT II	1	GRADE GS08
6	(18)	S003C FOOD & BEVERAGE DIRECTOR	2	GRADE GS08
7	(19)	R014C PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
8	(20)	X062C QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
9	(21)	G252C VETERANS SERVICE PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
10	(22)	R024C ASSISTANT PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS07
11	(23)	G159C DEPARTMENT BUSINESS COORDINATOR	3	GRADE GS07
12	(24)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS07
13	(25)	P013C PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
14	(26)	E040C STAFF DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
15	(27)	G253C VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER	12	GRADE GS07
16	(28)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06
17	(29)	L069C LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE	42	GRADE GS06
18	(30)	S017C MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
19	(31)	V014C BUYER	1	GRADE GS05
20	(32)	A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS05
21	(33)	R032C HUMAN RESOURCES PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVE	2	GRADE GS05
22	(34)	S033C MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS05
23	(35)	C028C MEDICAL RECORDS SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS05
24	(36)	M065C RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS05
25	(37)	G237C VETERANS CEMETERY MANAGER	2	GRADE GS05
26	(38)	V018C WAREHOUSE MANAGER	1	GRADE GS05
27	(39)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	2	GRADE GS04
28	(40)	A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
29	(41)	S044C FOOD PREPARATION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS04
30	(42)	S046C MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	5	GRADE GS04
31	(43)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	1	GRADE GS03
32	(44)	L082C CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT	153	GRADE GS03
33	(45)	S056C FOOD PREPARATION SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS03
34	(46)	V027C INVENTORY CONTROL TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE GS03
35	(47)	C087C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST I	1	GRADE GS02
36	(48)	S085C FOOD PREPARATION SPECIALIST	8	GRADE GS02

1	(49) S060C HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	3	GRADE GS02
2	(50) M076C RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER II	<u>2</u>	GRADE GS02
3	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	305	

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5 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 6 appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the
 7 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating
 8 expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - State Operations for the
 9 fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

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11	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
13	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,208,952
14	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	394,221
15	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
16	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	220,500
17	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	8,000
18	(C) PROF. FEES	0
19	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
20	(E) DATA PROC.	0
21	(04) AID TO COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE	
22	OFFICES	<u>283,500</u>
23	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,115,173</u></u>

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25 SECTION 5. EXTRA HELP - VETERANS' HOMES. There is hereby authorized,
 26 for the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Homes for the 2020-2021
 27 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary
 28 employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated
 29 herein for such purposes: thirty (30) temporary or part-time employees, when
 30 needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform
 31 Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the
 32 appropriate classification.

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34 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' HOMES. There is hereby
 35 appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the
 36 cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal

1 Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the
 2 Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Homes for the fiscal year ending
 3 June 30, 2021, the following:

4	5 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
6	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
7	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$10,080,000
8	(02) EXTRA HELP	132,600
9	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	3,794,430
10	(04) OVERTIME	627,198
11	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
12	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	8,380,000
13	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	16,000
14	(C) PROF. FEES	1,000,000
15	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	255,000
16	(E) DATA PROC.	0
17	(06) SPECIAL MAINTENANCE	<u>750,000</u>
18	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$23,035,228</u></u>

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20 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' CEMETERIES - STATE. There is
 21 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable
 22 from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and
 23 operating expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans'
 24 Cemeteries - State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

25	26 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
27	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
28	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$170,927
29	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	64,204
30	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
31	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	88,950
32	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
33	(C) PROF. FEES	0
34	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
35	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
36	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$324,081</u></u>

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SECTION 8. EXTRA HELP - VETERANS' CEMETERIES - CASH. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Cemeteries - Cash for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: five (5) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' CEMETERIES - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Cemeteries - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$431,666
(02) EXTRA HELP	24,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	162,736
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	208,075
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	109,000
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$945,477</u></u>

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the Military Funeral Honors Fund, for operating expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Military Funeral Honors Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

1	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
2	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
3	(01) MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS EXPENSES	<u>\$22,950</u>

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5 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - CEMETERY EXPANSION - FEDERAL. There is

6 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable

7 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the

8 State, for construction and expansion expenses for the North Little Rock

9 Veterans' Cemetery of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Cemetery

10 Expansion - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

12	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
13	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
14	(01) CONSTRUCTION AND EXPANSION EXPENSES	<u>\$10,000,000</u>

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16 SECTION 12. REGULAR SALARIES - DISABLED VETERANS' SERVICES OFFICE.

17 There is hereby established for the Department of Veterans' Affairs -

18 Disabled Veterans' Services Office for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the

19 following maximum number of regular employees.

21		Maximum Annual
22		Salary Rate
23	Item Class	Fiscal Year
24	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
25	(1) C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	<u>1</u> GRADE GS03
26	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1

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28 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - DISABLED VETERANS' SERVICES

29 OFFICE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans'

30 Affairs, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for

31 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Veterans'

32 Affairs - Disabled Veterans' Services Office for the fiscal year ending June

33 30, 2021, the following:

35	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
36	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>

1	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$26,762
2	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	11,211
3	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
4	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,304
5	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
6	(C) PROF. FEES	0
7	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
8	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
9	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$39,277</u></u>

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11 SECTION 14. REGULAR SALARIES - ARKANSAS VETERANS' CHILD WELFARE
 12 SERVICE. There is hereby established for the Department of Veterans' Affairs
 13 - Arkansas Veterans' Child Welfare Service for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the
 14 following maximum number of regular employees.

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16		Maximum Annual
17		Salary Rate
18	Item Class	Fiscal Year
19	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
20	(1) U009U VETERANS CHILD WELFARE DIR	1 GRADE GS07
21	(2) C022C BUSINESS OPERATIONS SPECIALIST	<u>1</u> GRADE GS05
22	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2

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24 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS VETERANS' CHILD
 25 WELFARE SERVICE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
 26 Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund
 27 Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of
 28 Veterans' Affairs - Arkansas Veterans' Child Welfare Service for the fiscal
 29 year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

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31	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
32	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
33	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$80,623
34	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	28,672
35	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
36	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	4,182

1	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
2	(C) PROF. FEES	0
3	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
4	(E) DATA PROC.	0
5	(04) GRANTS/AID-ASSISTANCE TO MINOR	
6	CHILDREN	<u>42,020</u>
7	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$155,497</u>

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9 SECTION 16. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 10 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. USE OF
 11 ADVA CONTINGENCY POSITION POOL AND CONTINGENCY APPROPRIATION. In the event
 12 additional appropriation becomes necessary that is not authorized or
 13 contemplated in State Operations, Veterans' Homes and Veterans' Cemeteries
 14 appropriations of this Act and growth in the State Veterans' Home at
 15 Fayetteville's resident census and/or growth in the number of interments at
 16 the State Veterans' Cemetery at North Little Rock makes it necessary for the
 17 Arkansas Department of Veterans' Affairs to request additional positions,
 18 regular salaries and personal services matching appropriation in order to
 19 carry out the objectives of the Agency, the ADVA Contingency Position Pool
 20 and Contingency Appropriation authorized herein may be used for regular
 21 salaries and personal services matching line items.

22 The Arkansas Department of Veterans' Affairs Contingency Appropriation
 23 authorized herein shall be funded primarily with cash funds of the State
 24 Veterans' Home at Fayetteville and of the State Veterans' Cemetery at North
 25 Little Rock. Each entity's cash funds shall be utilized in support of its own
 26 business operations and shall not be co-mingled. In addition, general
 27 revenue funding in support of the ADVA Contingency Position Pool shall be
 28 limited to \$250,000 per year.

29 Use of the ADVA Contingency Position Pool and Contingency Appropriation
 30 authorized in this Act shall be conditioned upon approval by the Chief Fiscal
 31 Officer of the State and upon certification by the Director of the Arkansas
 32 Department of Veterans' Affairs that funds are available to support the
 33 contingency positions requested and upon prior review by the Arkansas
 34 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

35 The General Assembly has determined that the Arkansas State Veterans'
 36 Home at Fayetteville and the Arkansas State Veterans' Cemetery at North

1 Little Rock may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to
2 the Arkansas Department of Veterans' Affairs under this Section.

3					MAXIMUM ANNUAL
4				MAXIMUM	SALARY RATE
5	ITEM CLASS			NO. OF	FISCAL YEAR
6	<u>NO.</u>	<u>CODE TITLE</u>	<u>EMPLOYEES</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
7	(1)	C087C ADMIN SPECIALIST I	1		GRADE GS02
8	(2)	S046C MAINT TECHNICIAN	1		GRADE GS04
9	(3)	S050C MAINT SPECIALIST	1		GRADE GS03
10	(4)	S065C MAINT ASSISTANT	3		GRADE GS01
11	(5)	L009C NURSE MANAGER	1		GRADE MP03
12	(6)	L019C REG NURSE COORD	1		GRADE MP02
13	(7)	D071C COMP SUPPORT ANALYST	1		GRADE IT03
14	(8)	L069C LICENSED PRACT NURSE	1		GRADE GS06
15	(9)	M065C RECR ACTIVITY LEADER SVR 1	1		GRADE GS05
16	(10)	L082C CERTIFIED NURSING ASSIST 9	9		GRADE GS03
17	(11)	S087C INSTITUTIONAL SERV ASST 3	3		GRADE GS01

18 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2019~~
19 2020 through June 30, ~~2020~~ 2021.

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21 SECTION 17. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
22 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
23 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
24 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
25 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
26 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
27 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
28 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
29 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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31 SECTION 18. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
32 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
33 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
34 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
35 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
36 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or

1 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
2 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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4 SECTION 19. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
5 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
6 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
7 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2020 is essential to the operation of
8 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
9 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
10 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2020 could work irreparable harm
11 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
12 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
13 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
14 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2020.

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17 */s/Joint Budget Committee*

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