

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

HOUSE BILL 1299

5 By: Representatives J. Edwards, Carter  
6 By: Senator J. English  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR VETERANS' HOME  
10 CONSTRUCTION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
11 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2014; AND FOR  
12 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS'  
16 AFFAIRS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2013-2014  
17 FISCAL YEAR.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL FUNDS. There is hereby  
24 appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the  
25 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the  
26 following:

27 (A) for land acquisition, improvements, construction, maintenance,  
28 purchase of equipment and furnishings for a Veterans' Home, in a sum not to  
29 exceed.....\$14,000,000.  
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31 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS. There is hereby  
32 appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the  
33 General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the  
34 following:

35 (A) for land acquisition, improvements, construction, maintenance,  
36 purchase of equipment and furnishings for a Veterans' Home, in a sum not to



1 exceed.....\$7,500,000.

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3 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated,  
4 to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the cash funds as  
5 defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801 of the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the  
6 following:

7 (A) for land acquisition, improvements, construction, maintenance,  
8 purchase of equipment and furnishings for a Veterans' Home, in a sum not to  
9 exceed.....\$7,000,000.

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11 SECTION 4. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Arkansas Code 20-81-107 is amended to read  
12 as follows:

13 20-81-107. Gifts, volunteer services, etc.

14 (a) The Director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs is authorized  
15 to arrange for and accept through such mutual arrangement as may be made the  
16 volunteer services, equipment, gifts, facilities, properties, supplies, and  
17 personnel of any state, county, and municipal offices and agencies and of  
18 veterans' fraternal, welfare, civic, and service organizations in the  
19 furtherance of the purposes of this act.

20 (b) The director may accept on behalf of the Department of Veterans'  
21 Affairs from any natural person or legal entity the donation of real property  
22 for use as a cemetery for the interment of Arkansas veterans of the United  
23 States armed forces and their immediate next of kin as defined by the  
24 department.

25 (c) The director may accept on behalf of the Department of Veterans'  
26 Affairs from any source the donation of gifts, grants, cash, bequeaths, real  
27 or personal property and equipment for the establishment, construction,  
28 maintenance and operations of any state owned and operated Veterans' Home.

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30 SECTION 5. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
31 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
32 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
33 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
34 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
35 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
36 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by

1 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
 2 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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 4 SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
 5 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
 6 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
 7 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
 8 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
 9 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
 10 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
 11 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.  
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13 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
 14 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
 15 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
 16 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2013 is essential to the operation of  
 17 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
 18 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
 19 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2013 could work irreparable harm  
 20 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
 21 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
 22 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
 23 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2013.  
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