

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

HOUSE BILL 1598

5 By: Representative Baird  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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

14 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS'  
15 AFFAIRS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2013-2014  
16 FISCAL YEAR.  
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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 - FEDERAL FUNDS. There is hereby  
23 appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the  
24 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the  
25 following:

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

34 (A) for land acquisition, improvements, construction, maintenance,  
35 purchase of equipment and furnishings for a Veterans' Home, in a sum not to  
36 exceed.....\$7,500,000.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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 3 SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
 4 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
 5 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
 6 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
 7 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
 8 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
 9 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
 10 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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 12 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
 13 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
 14 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
 15 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2013 is essential to the operation of  
 16 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
 17 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
 18 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2013 could work irreparable harm  
 19 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
 20 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
 21 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
 22 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2013.