

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

Act 894 of the Regular Session

1 State of Arkansas  
2 86th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2007  
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As Engrossed: H2/28/07

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1591

5 By: Representative Medley  
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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT  
10 OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS FOR THE NATIONAL CEMETERY IN  
11 FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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14 **Subtitle**

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

26 (A) *For planning and construction expenses associated with replacing the*  
27 *athletic fields which currently occupy the land into which the National*  
28 *Cemetery in Fort Smith will be expanding, the sum of .....\$2,500,000.*  
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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



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

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

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

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23 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
24 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
25 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the  
26 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2007 is essential to the operation of  
27 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
28 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective  
29 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2007 could work irreparable harm upon the  
30 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.  
31 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being  
32 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and  
33 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2007.

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35 /s/ Medley

36 APPROVED: 4/3/2007