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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1273

5 By: Representative Hammer
6 By: Senator Rapert
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE AN ACT BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO
10 AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OR REMOVAL OF A MONUMENT
11 ON STATE CAPITOL GROUNDS BEFORE THE MONUMENT CAN BE
12 CONSIDERED BY THE CAPITOL ARTS AND GROUNDS
13 COMMISSION; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER
14 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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18 TO REQUIRE AN ACT BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
19 TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OR REMOVAL
20 OF A MONUMENT ON STATE CAPITOL GROUNDS;
21 AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 22-3-503(c), concerning the powers and
27 duties of the Capitol Arts and Grounds Commission, is amended to read as
28 follows:

29 (c)(1) ~~Any monument on the State Capitol grounds approved by the~~
30 ~~commission must be authorized by an act of the General Assembly~~ A monument
31 shall not be constructed on or removed from the State Capitol grounds unless
32 authorized by an act of the General Assembly.

33 (2) The commission shall not consider the construction of a
34 monument on the State Capitol grounds or the removal of a monument from the
35 State Capitol grounds without legislative authorization under subdivision
36 (c)(1) of this section.



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SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that legislative oversight should be provided for the construction of a monument on State Capitol grounds or the removal of a monument from the State Capitol grounds; that legislative oversight is currently only provided after a monument's construction or removal is approved by the Capitol Arts and Grounds Commission; and that this act is immediately necessary because it ensures that the General Assembly have proper oversight of monuments on State Capitol grounds. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or

(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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