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HOUSE BILL

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND
9 OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS
10 FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1997; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES."

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Subtitle

14 "AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN
15 AFFAIRS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 1995-97
16 BIENNIUM."

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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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20 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the
21 Department of Veteran Affairs for the 1995-97 biennium, the following maximum
22 number of regular employees whose salaries shall be governed by the
23 provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code
24 §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto.
25 Provided, however, that any position to which a specific maximum annual
26 salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of
27 said Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All persons occupying
28 positions authorized herein are hereby governed by the provisions of the
29 Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101),
30 or its successor.

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Item	Class		Maximum Annual	
No.	Code	Title	Salary Rate	Fiscal Years
			Maximum	No. of
			Employees	1995-96
				1996-97

1	(1) 9989 VETERANS DIR DEPT OF VETERAN AFFAIR	1	\$ 59,393	\$
2	60,877			
3	(2) 751Z VETERANS AFFAIRS ASSISTANT DIR	1		GRADE 24
4	(3) R099 SUPERVISOR OF VETERANS SERVICE	1		GRADE 20
5	(4) R315 VETERANS AFFAIRS EXEC ASST TO DIR	1		GRADE 19
6	R097 CHIEF, CLAIMS & APPEALS SECTION	1		
7	(5) R264 MANAGEMENT PROJECT ANALYST I	1		GRADE 18
8	M098 VETERANS CLAIMS SPECIALIST	8		
9	(6) A063 PAYROLL OFFICER	1		GRADE 15
10	(7) K041 EXECUTIVE SECY/ADMINISTRATIVE SECY	2		GRADE 14
11	(8) K153 SECRETARY II	5		GRADE 13
12	(9) K023 CLERK TYPIST	<u>1</u>		GRADE 10
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SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veteran Affairs, to be payable from the State General Services Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Veteran Affairs for the biennial period ending June 30, 1997, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS	
	1995-96	1996-97
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 568,946	\$ 568,946
(02) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	150,629	150,629
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$ 28,874	\$ 28,874
(B) CONF. & TRVL.	1,917	1,917
(C) PROF. FEES	0	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	5,000	3,000
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL MAINT. & GEN. OPER.	35,791	33,791
(04) AID TO COUNTY OFFICE		<u>234,500</u>

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2 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$ 989,866 \$

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5 SECTION 3. REGULAR SALARIES - VETERANS HOME DIVISION. There is hereby
 6 established for the Department of Veteran Affairs - Veterans Home Division
 7 for the 1995-97 biennium, the following maximum number of regular employees
 8 whose salaries shall be governed by the provisions of the Uniform
 9 Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et seq.), or
 10 its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however, that any
 11 position to which a specific maximum annual salary is set out herein in
 12 ~~dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of said Uniform Classification~~
 13 and Compensation Act. All persons occupying positions authorized herein are
 14 hereby governed by the provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and
 15 Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101), or its successor.

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		Maximum Annual			
		Maximum	Salary Rate		
Item	Class	No. of	Fiscal Years		
No.	Code	Title	Employees	1995-96	1996-97
(1)	752Z	VETERANS HOME SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE 24	
(2)	L078	NURSE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE 22	
	R438	VETERANS HOME ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR	1		
(3)	M088	SOCIAL WORKER II	1	GRADE 20	
	L070	NURSE II	6		
(4)	M086	SOCIAL WORKER I	1	GRADE 19	
(5)	A111	ACCOUNTANT	1	GRADE 18	
	G028	BUILDING PLANT MAINTENANCE SUPV II	1		
	H032	FOOD PRODUCTION MANAGER	1		
	M054	REHAB COUNSELOR II	1		
	R264	MANAGEMENT PROJECT ANALYST I	1		
(6)	G161	GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPAIRMAN	1	GRADE 17	
(7)	L115	LPN II	9	GRADE 15	
	A108	ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN II	1		
	M048	RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER II	1		

1	(8) K041 EXECUTIVE SECY/ADMINISTRATIVE SECY	1	GRADE 14
2	(9) M047 RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER I	1	GRADE 13
3	(10) T045 SECURITY OFFICER II	7	GRADE 12
4	(11) K155 SECRETARY I	1	GRADE 11
5	G151 CUSTODIAL SERVICE SHIFT SUPV	1	
6	L081 NURSING ASST II	15	
7	(12) H005 BAKER II	1	GRADE 10
8	H027 COOK II	4	
9	G165 WORK MAINTENANCE LEADER	2	
10	(13) H025 COOK I	4	GRADE 08
11	(14) G075 HOUSEKEEPER	7	GRADE 04
12	G008 LAUNDRY WORKER	1	
13	(15) H039 FOOD SERVICE WORKER I	<u>4</u>	GRADE 03
14	MAX NO. OF EMPLOYEES	<u>77</u>	

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16 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATIONS - VETERANS HOME DIVISION. There is hereby
 17 appropriated, to the Department of Veteran Affairs, to be payable from the
 18 State General Services Fund Account, for personal services and operating
 19 expenses of the Department of Veteran Affairs - Veterans Home Division for
 20 the biennial period ending June 30, 1997, the following:

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22 ITEM	23 FISCAL YEARS	
24 NO.	1995-96	1996-97
24 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 1,397,848	\$ 1,397,861
25 1,397,861		
26 (02) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	383,873	383,876
27 383,876		
28 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
29 (A) OPER. EXPENSE \$	709,369 \$	709,369
30 (B) CONF. & TRVL.	1,395	1,395
31 (C) PROF. FEES	52,260	52,260
32 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
33 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
34 TOTAL MAINT. & GEN. OPER.	<u>763,024</u>	<u>763,024</u>
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1 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$ 2,544,745 \$
2 2,544,761

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4 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATIONS - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the
5 Department of Veteran Affairs - Veterans Home Division, to be payable from
6 cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801 of the Department of Veteran
7 Affairs, for refunds of unused fees paid by residents of the Veterans Home
8 for the biennial period ending June 30, 1997, the following:

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10 ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
11 NO.	1995-96	1996-97
12 (01) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	\$ <u>2,040,621</u> \$	
13 <u>2,040,621</u>		

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15 SECTION 6. The funds appropriated herein for Aid to County Veterans
16 Service Offices may also be used by the Department of Veteran Affairs to pay
17 expenses of County Veterans Service Officers for attending regional or
18 statewide training conferences approved by the Department of Veterans Affairs
19 and designed to provide better trained and qualified Veterans Service
20 Officers in the various counties. Any such expenses paid by the Department
21 of Veterans Affairs from funds appropriated herein shall be on the same
22 reimbursement basis as the reimbursement of state employees for expenses
23 incurred in attending their official business. Provided, no County Veterans
24 Service Officer shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for expenses
25 incurred in attending more than two (2) approved conferences per year, per
26 county.

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28 SECTION 7. Funds appropriated for Conference Fees and Travel may be
29 used to compensate members of the Governor's Commission on Veterans' Affairs
30 at a maximum rate of twenty-five dollars (\$25) per day and for reimbursement
31 for travel expenses at the same rate per mile as is paid to state employees
32 pursuant to State Travel Regulations.

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34 SECTION 8. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
35 authorized by this Act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency

1 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
2 the restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and
3 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
4 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
5 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
6 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
7 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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18 SECTION 10. CODE. All provisions of this Act of a general and
19 permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and
20 the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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22 SECTION 11. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Act or the
23 application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such
24 invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Act which
25 can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this
26 end the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

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28 SECTION 12. GENERAL REPEALER. All laws and parts of laws in conflict
29 with this Act are hereby repealed.

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31 SECTION 13. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by
32 the Eightieth General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of
33 Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year
34 period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 1995 is essential to
35 the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are

1 provided, and that in the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the
2 delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 1995 could work
3 irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential
4 governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist
5 and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
6 peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after
7 July 1, 1995.

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