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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1345

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5 By: Joint Budget Committee
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 "AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND
10 OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS
11 FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1999; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES."
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Subtitle

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15 "AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN
16 AFFAIRS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 1997-99
17 BIENNIUM."
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the
22 Department of Veteran Affairs for the 1997-99 biennium, the following maximum
23 number of regular employees whose salaries shall be governed by the provisions
24 of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201
25 et seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto. Provided,
26 however, that any position to which a specific maximum annual salary is set
27 out herein in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of said Uniform
28 Classification and Compensation Act. All persons occupying positions
29 authorized herein are hereby governed by the provisions of the Regular
30 Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101), or its
31 successor.
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| | | | Maximum Annual |
|----------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | | Maximum | Salary Rate |
| Item | Class | No. of | Fiscal Years |
| No. | Code | Title | Employees 1997-98 1998-99 |

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| 1 | (1) 9989 VETERANS DIR DEPT OF VETERAN AFFAIR | 1 | \$ 64,207 | \$ 66,004 |
| 2 | (2) 751Z VETERANS AFFAIRS ASSISTANT DIR | 1 | GRADE 24 | |
| 3 | (3) R099 SUPERVISOR OF VETERANS SERVICE | 1 | GRADE 20 | |
| 4 | (4) R315 VETERANS AFFAIRS EXEC ASST TO DIR | 1 | GRADE 19 | |
| 5 | R097 CHIEF, CLAIMS & APPEALS SECTION | 1 | | |
| 6 | (5) R264 MANAGEMENT PROJECT ANALYST I | 1 | GRADE 18 | |
| 7 | M098 VETERANS CLAIMS SPECIALIST | 8 | | |
| 8 | (6) A063 PAYROLL OFFICER | 1 | GRADE 15 | |
| 9 | (7) K041 EXECUTIVE SECY/ADMINISTRATIVE SECY | 2 | GRADE 14 | |
| 10 | (8) K153 SECRETARY II | 5 | GRADE 13 | |
| 11 | (9) K023 CLERK TYPIST | <u>1</u> | GRADE 10 | |
| 12 | MAX NO. OF EMPLOYEES | 23 | | |

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14 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the
 15 Department of Veteran Affairs, to be payable from the State General Services
 16 Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department
 17 of Veteran Affairs for the biennial period ending June 30, 1999, the
 18 following:

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| 20 | ITEM | | FISCAL YEARS | |
|----|------------------------------|----|--------------------|---------------------|
| 21 | NO. | | 1997-98 | 1998-99 |
| 22 | (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$ | 647,902 | \$ 665,566 |
| 23 | (02) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING | | 187,716 | 190,943 |
| 24 | (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | | | |
| 25 | (A) OPER. EXPENSE | | 28,874 | 28,874 |
| 26 | (B) CONF. & TRVL. | | 2,500 | 2,500 |
| 27 | (C) PROF. FEES | | 0 | 0 |
| 28 | (D) CAP. OUTLAY | | 8,500 | 6,000 |
| 29 | (E) DATA PROC. | | 0 | 0 |
| 30 | (04) AID TO COUNTY OFFICE | | <u>242,500</u> | <u>244,500</u> |
| 31 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | \$ | <u>1,117,992</u> | <u>\$ 1,138,383</u> |

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33 SECTION 3. REGULAR SALARIES - VETERANS HOME DIVISION. There is hereby
 34 established for the Department of Veteran Affairs - Veterans Home Division for
 35 the 1997-99 biennium, the following maximum number of regular employees whose

1 salaries shall be governed by the provisions of the Uniform Classification and
 2 Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its successor, and all
 3 laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however, that any position to which a
 4 specific maximum annual salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt
 5 from the provisions of said Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All
 6 persons occupying positions authorized herein are hereby governed by the
 7 provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas
 8 Code §21-5-101), or its successor.

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| | | Maximum Annual | | |
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| | | Maximum | Salary Rate | |
| Item Class | | No. of | Fiscal Years | |
| No. | Code Title | Employees | 1997-98 | 1998-99 |
| 14 | (1) 752Z VETERANS HOME SUPERVISOR | 2 | GRADE 24 | |
| 15 | (2) L078 NURSE SUPERVISOR | 1 | GRADE 22 | |
| 16 | R438 VETERANS HOME ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR | 1 | | |
| 17 | (3) M088 SOCIAL WORKER II | 1 | GRADE 20 | |
| 18 | L070 NURSE II | 6 | | |
| 19 | (4) M086 SOCIAL WORKER I | 1 | GRADE 19 | |
| 20 | (5) A111 ACCOUNTANT | 1 | GRADE 18 | |
| 21 | G028 BUILDING PLANT MAINTENANCE SUPV II | 1 | | |
| 22 | H032 FOOD PRODUCTION MANAGER | 1 | | |
| 23 | M054 REHAB COUNSELOR II | 1 | | |
| 24 | R264 MANAGEMENT PROJECT ANALYST I | 1 | | |
| 25 | (6) G161 GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPAIRMAN | 1 | GRADE 17 | |
| 26 | M095 VOLUNTEER PROGRAM DEVELOPER I | 1 | | |
| 27 | (7) L115 LPN II/LPTN II | 9 | GRADE 15 | |
| 28 | A108 ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN II | 1 | | |
| 29 | (8) K041 EXECUTIVE SECY/ADMINISTRATIVE SECY | 1 | GRADE 14 | |
| 30 | (9) M047 RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER I | 1 | GRADE 13 | |
| 31 | (10) T045 SECURITY OFFICER II | 6 | GRADE 12 | |
| 32 | (11) L081 NURSING ASST II | 16 | GRADE 11 | |
| 33 | G151 CUSTODIAL SERVICE SHIFT SUPV | 1 | | |
| 34 | (12) H005 BAKER II | 1 | GRADE 10 | |
| 35 | H027 COOK II | 4 | | |

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| 1 | G165 WORK MAINTENANCE LEADER | 2 | |
| 2 | (13) H025 COOK I | 4 | GRADE 08 |
| 3 | (14) G075 HOUSEKEEPER | 7 | GRADE 04 |
| 4 | G008 LAUNDRY WORKER | 1 | |
| 5 | (15) H039 FOOD SERVICE WORKER I | <u>4</u> | GRADE 03 |
| 6 | MAX NO. OF EMPLOYEES | 77 | |

SECTION 4. EXTRA HELP - VETERANS HOME DIVISION. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Veteran Affairs - Veterans Home Division for the 1997-99 biennium, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: five (5) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATIONS - VETERANS HOME DIVISION. 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 - Veterans Home Division for the biennial period ending June 30, 1999, the following:

| ITEM | FISCAL YEARS | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| NO. | 1997-98 | 1998-99 |
| (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$ 1,577,549 | \$ 1,620,547 |
| (02) EXTRA HELP | 20,000 | 20,000 |
| (03) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING | 521,766 | 529,613 |
| (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | | |
| (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 573,630 | 573,630 |
| (B) CONF. & TRVL. | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| (C) PROF. FEES | 58,764 | 58,802 |
| (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 6,000 | 4,000 |
| (E) DATA PROC. | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u>\$ 2,762,709</u> | <u>\$ 2,811,592</u> |

1 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATIONS - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the
 2 Department of Veteran Affairs - Veterans Home Division, to be payable from
 3 cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801 of the Department of Veteran
 4 Affairs, for refunds of unused fees paid by residents of the Veterans Home for
 5 ~~the biennial period ending June 30, 1999, the following:~~

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| 7 | ITEM | FISCAL YEARS | |
| 8 | NO. | 1997-98 | 1998-99 |
| 9 | (01) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS | \$ <u>2,262,526</u> | \$ <u>2,304,464</u> |

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11 SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. The funds appropriated herein for Aid to
 12 County Veterans Service Offices may also be used by the Department of Veteran
 13 Affairs to pay expenses of County Veterans Service Officers for attending
 14 regional or statewide training conferences approved by the Department of
 15 Veterans Affairs and designed to provide better trained and qualified Veterans
 16 Service Officers in the various counties. Any such expenses paid by the
 17 Department of Veterans Affairs from funds appropriated herein shall be on the
 18 same reimbursement basis as the reimbursement of state employees for expenses
 19 incurred in attending their official business. Provided, no County Veterans
 20 Service Officer shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for expenses
 21 incurred in attending more than two (2) approved conferences per year, per
 22 county.

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24 SECTION 8. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
 25 authorized by this Act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
 26 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
 27 the restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and
 28 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
 29 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control
 30 laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the
 31 Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
 32 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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34 SECTION 9. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
 35 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations

1 contained in this Act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which
2 this Act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
3 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
4 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
5 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
6 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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

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

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

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21 SECTION 13. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the
22 Eighty-First General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas
23 prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that
24 the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 1997 is essential to the operation of
25 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
26 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective
27 date of this Act beyond July 1, 1997 could work irreparable harm upon the
28 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
29 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
30 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
31 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 1997.

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