

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 81st General Assembly  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 115

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 81 OF TITLE 20 OF THE ARKANSAS  
10 CODE TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS  
11 AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE AN ARKANSAS STATE  
12 VETERANS CEMETERY SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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## Subtitle

15 "ARKANSAS STATE VETERANS CEMETERY  
16 SYSTEM."

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

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20 SECTION 1. Chapter 81 of Title 20 of the Arkansas Code is amended by  
21 inserting an additional section at the end thereof to read as follows:

22 "20-81-112.

23 (a) The Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs is authorized to  
24 establish and maintain an Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery System to serve the  
25 veterans, spouses and eligible dependents of the veterans of Arkansas.

26 (b) The Department of Veterans Affairs is authorized to employ such  
27 staff to operate this cemetery system as it deems appropriate and as may be  
28 authorized by biennial appropriation.

29 (c) The Department of Veterans Affairs shall:

30 (1) Promulgate appropriate guidelines for determining eligibility  
31 for burial.

32 (2) Establish such accounts as are necessary to the orderly  
33 administration of the state veterans cemetery system.

34 (3) Develop plans and programs which will provide for initial  
35 establishment of sites to meet greatest need, and provide for their orderly  
36 expansion.

1           (4) Make such applications to Federal agencies, as the U.S.  
2 Department of Veterans Affairs, and receive such Federal funding as is  
3 available, to establish and operate this cemetery system."  
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5           SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent  
6 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas  
7 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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9           SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
10 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
11 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
12 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
13 act are declared to be severable.

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15           SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
16 hereby repealed.

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