

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.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1789

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

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE DISTRIBUTION
10 OF HIV/AIDS MEDICATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
11 FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2003; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH -
16 THE DISTRIBUTION OF HIV/AIDS MEDICATIONS
17 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2001-2003
18 BIENNIAL PERIOD.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - DISTRIBUTION OF HIV/AIDS MEDICATIONS. There is
25 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from the
26 *General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts*, for the
27 distribution of HIV/AIDS medications to Arkansas citizens without ample
28 resources or available avenues to acquire the medications by the Department of
29 Health for the biennial period ending June 30, 2003, the sum of
30 \$1,050,000.
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32 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE
33 NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY FORWARD.
34 At the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, any unexpended balance
35 of monies provided for in Section 1 of this Act, shall be transferred forward
36 and made available for the same purpose for the fiscal year ending June 30,

1 2003. The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2001
2 through June 30, 2003.

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4 SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by
5 this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made
6 available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions
7 of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures
8 Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and
9 Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this
10 State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of
11 Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied
12 with in disbursement of said funds.

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14 SECTION 4. 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 Joint
21 Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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23 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the
24 Eighty-third General Assembly, that the citizens of Arkansas suffering from
25 HIV/AIDS should have access to the latest drug therapies; that the continued
26 spread of HIV is a danger to the public health of Arkansas; that proper
27 treatment of individuals living with HIV/AIDS who are pregnant can
28 significantly decrease the possibility of infecting their unborn child; that
29 infection rates among Arkansas citizens can be curtailed by the proper
30 administration of drug therapies to those infected with HIV/AIDS; the
31 continued medical costs associated with HIV related illnesses is a threat to
32 the medical infrastructure of Arkansas; and that the quality of life of those
33 individuals affected by HIV/AIDS, along with their family members, can be
34 enhanced. Further, there is a pressing and immediate need for the distribution
35 of medications as described herein, that this act has as its purpose the
36 furnishing of financial assistance to meet this need. Therefore, an emergency

1 is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate
2 preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and
3 effect from and after July 1, 2001.

4 */s/ Joint Budget Committee*

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