

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.

1 State of Arkansas
2 85th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2005

A Bill

SENATE BILL 237

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

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL
10 SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS FOR THE BIENNIAL
12 PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2007; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS'
17 AFFAIRS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2005-2007
18 BIENNIUM.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the
25 Department of Veterans' Affairs for the 2005-2007 biennium, the following
26 maximum number of regular employees whose salaries shall be governed by the
27 provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code
28 §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto.
29 Provided, however, that any position to which a specific maximum annual
30 salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of
31 said Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All persons occupying
32 positions authorized herein are hereby governed by the provisions of the
33 Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101),
34 or its successor.
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Maximum Annual



1				Maximum	Salary Rate	
2	Item	Class		No. of	Fiscal Years	
3	No.	Code	Title	Employees	2005-2006	2006-2007
4	(1)	9989	VETERANS DIR DEPT OF VETERAN AFFAIR	1	\$80,875	\$82,961
5	(2)	751Z	VETERANS AFFAIRS ASSISTANT DIR	1	GRADE	24
6	(3)	752Z	VETERANS HOME SUPERVISOR	3	GRADE	24
7	(4)	A032	AGENCY FISCAL MANAGER	1	GRADE	22
8	(5)	L078	NURSE SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE	22
9	(6)	R438	VETERANS HOME ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE	22
10	(7)	L082	NURSING SERVICES SPECIALIST	1	GRADE	21
11	(8)	A008	ACCOUNTING SUPERVISOR II	1	GRADE	21
12	(9)	M088	SOCIAL WORKER II	4	GRADE	20
13	(10)	L070	NURSE II	14	GRADE	20
14	(11)	R266	MANAGEMENT PROJECT ANALYST II	3	GRADE	20
15	(12)	M056	REHAB COUNSELOR III	1	GRADE	19
16	(13)	R097	CHIEF CLAIMS & APPEALS SECTION	1	GRADE	19
17	(14)	A110	ACCOUNTANT II	1	GRADE	19
18	(15)	A111	ACCOUNTANT	1	GRADE	18
19	(16)	G028	BLDG PLANT MAINTENANCE SUPV II	2	GRADE	18
20	(17)	M098	VETERANS CLAIMS SPECIALIST	8	GRADE	18
21	(18)	H032	FOOD PRODUCTION MANAGER	1	GRADE	18
22	(19)	R264	MANAGEMENT PROJECT ANALYST I	1	GRADE	18
23	(20)	R010	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	2	GRADE	17
24	(21)	R190	PERSONNEL OFFICER II	2	GRADE	17
25	(22)	M095	VOLUNTEER PROGRAM DEVELOPER I	1	GRADE	17
26	(23)	G161	GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPAIRMAN	3	GRADE	17
27	(24)	A108	ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN II	2	GRADE	15
28	(25)	G043	EQUIPMENT MECHANIC	1	GRADE	15
29	(26)	L115	LPN II/LPTN II	23	GRADE	15
30	(27)	M048	RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER II	2	GRADE	15
31	(28)	T047	SECURITY OFFICER III	11	GRADE	15
32	(29)	K041	EXECUTIVE SECY/ADMINISTRATIVE SECY	4	GRADE	14
33	(30)	K153	SECRETARY II	4	GRADE	13
34	(31)	T045	SECURITY OFFICER II	2	GRADE	12
35	(32)	K155	SECRETARY I	1	GRADE	11
36	(33)	G151	CUSTODIAL SERVICE SHIFT SUPV	1	GRADE	11

1	(34)	L081	NURSING ASST II	84	GRADE 11
2	(35)	G165	WORK MAINTENANCE LEADER	3	GRADE 10
3	(36)	H005	BAKER II	1	GRADE 10
4	(37)	H027	COOK II	7	GRADE 10
5	(38)	G169	CUSTODIAL SUPV I	1	GRADE 06
6	(39)	H043	FOOD SERVICE WORKER II	4	GRADE 05
7	(40)	G075	HOUSEKEEPER	1	GRADE 04
8	(41)	G035	CUSTODIAL WRKR II	<u>7</u>	GRADE 04
9			MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	216	

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11 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of
 12 Veterans' Affairs for the 2005-2007 biennium, the following maximum number of
 13 part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from
 14 funds appropriated herein for such purposes: fourteen (14) temporary or
 15 part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those
 16 provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its
 17 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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19 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' SERVICES PROGRAM. There is hereby
 20 appropriated, to be payable from the funds and fund accounts as set out
 21 herein, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for the biennial period ending
 22 June 30, 2007, the following:

23 (a) For the Veterans' Services Program, the sum of \$1,589,004 for the 2005-
 24 2006 fiscal year and \$1,618,745 for the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

25 (1) Program Description. Provide assistance to veterans their dependents
 26 and survivors to obtain Federal and State benefits to which they are
 27 entitled, operates 75 offices throughout the state. Maintains the Veterans
 28 Cemetery.

29	(2) Appropriation payable from:		FISCAL YEARS	
30			<u>2005-2006</u>	<u>2006-2007</u>
31	(A) General Revenue:			
32	Miscellaneous Agencies Fund			
33	Account	\$	<u>1,489,004</u>	\$ <u>1,518,745</u>
34	TOTAL General Revenue	\$	1,489,004	\$ 1,518,745
35	(B) Other Funds	\$	409,870	\$ 409,870

36 (3) Performance Targets:

1	(A) Administration Budget as a		
2	percentage of total budget	14%	14%
3	(B) Number of previous year audit		
4	findings reported in subsequent		
5	audits.	0	0
6	(C) Number of Veterans and families		
7	served by the Veterans Cemetery.	408	408
8	(D) Number of veterans assisted		
9	through advocacy services.	69,650	70,500
10	(E) Percent of agency key		
11	performance measures met.	91%	91%

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13 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' HOME PROGRAM. There is hereby
 14 appropriated, to be payable from the funds and fund accounts as set out
 15 herein, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for the biennial period ending
 16 June 30, 2007, the following:

17 (a) For the Veterans' Home Program, the sum of \$7,460,763 for the 2005-2006
 18 fiscal year and \$7,606,229 for the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

19 (1) Program Description. Provides nursing and domiciliary care to
 20 disabled Arkansas Veterans: 1) Operate a 116 bed facility in Little Rock; 2)
 21 In FY06, open and begin operations of a 108 bed facility in Fayetteville.

22	(2) Appropriation payable from:	FISCAL YEARS	
23		<u>2005-2006</u>	<u>2006-2007</u>
24	(A) General Revenue:		
25	Miscellaneous Agencies Fund		
26	Account	\$ <u>2,319,588</u>	\$ <u>1,331,035</u>
27	TOTAL General Revenue	\$ 2,319,588	\$ 1,331,035
28	(B) Federal Funds as designated by		
29	the Chief Fiscal Officer of the		
30	State	\$ 2,938,615	\$ 3,662,410
31	(C) Other Funds	\$ 3,782,095	\$ 4,267,935

32 (3) Performance Targets:

33	(A) % of client's satisfied with		
34	level of care and support		
35	received - Fayetteville Veterans'		
36	Home	98%	98%

1	(B) % of client's satisfied with		
2	level of care and support		
3	received - Little Rock Veterans'		
4	Home	98.5%	98.5%
5	(C) Number of Health and Safety		
6	Infractions with the Office of		
7	Long Term Care and with Federal		
8	V.A.-Fayetteville Home	0	0
9	(D) Number of Health and Safety		
10	Infractions with the Office of		
11	Long Term Care and with Federal		
12	V.A.-Little Rock Home	0	0
13	(E) Veterans Home average daily cost		
14	per resident-Fayetteville		
15	Veterans' Home - Intermediate	\$57.78	\$59.32
16	(F) Veterans Home average daily cost		
17	per resident-Fayetteville		
18	Veterans' Home - Skilled Care	\$135.91	\$137.41
19	(G) Veterans Home average daily cost		
20	per resident-Little Rock		
21	Veterans' Home - Intermediate	\$57.78	\$59.32
22	(H) Veterans Home average daily cost		
23	per resident-Little Rock		
24	Veterans' Home -Domiciliary	\$27.19	\$27.43

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26 SECTION 5. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

27 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRAINING

28 CONFERENCES. The funds appropriated herein for Aid to County Veterans Service

29 Offices may also be used by the Department of Veteran Affairs to pay expenses

30 of County Veterans Service Officers for attending regional or statewide

31 training conferences approved by the Department of Veterans Affairs and

32 designed to provide better trained and qualified Veterans Service Officers in

33 the various counties. Any such expenses paid by the Department of Veterans

34 Affairs from funds appropriated herein shall be on the same reimbursement

35 basis as the reimbursement of state employees for expenses incurred in

36 attending their official business. Provided, no County Veterans Service

1 Officer shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for expenses incurred in
2 attending more than two (2) approved conferences per year, per county. The
3 provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2003~~ 2005
4 through June 30, ~~2005~~ 2007.

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

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16 SECTION 7. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
17 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
18 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
19 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
20 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by
21 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
22 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or
23 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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25 SECTION 8. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
26 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
27 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the
28 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2005 is essential to the operation of
29 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
30 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective
31 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2005 could work irreparable harm upon the
32 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
33 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
34 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
35 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2005.

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