

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
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As Engrossed: S2/24/05 S4/12/05

A Bill

SENATE BILL 237

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. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,*
 12 *to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the Miscellaneous*
 13 *Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the*
 14 *Department of Veterans' Affairs - State Operations for the biennial period*
 15 *ending June 30, 2007, the following:*

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18	<i>ITEM</i>		<i>FISCAL YEARS</i>	
19	<u><i>NO.</i></u>		<u><i>2005-2006</i></u>	<u><i>2006-2007</i></u>
20	<i>(01)</i>	<i>REGULAR SALARIES</i>	\$ 678,333	\$ 698,405
21	<i>(02)</i>	<i>PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING</i>	233,214	237,500
22	<i>(03)</i>	<i>MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION</i>		
23	<i>(A)</i>	<i>OPER. EXPENSE</i>	37,014	37,234
24	<i>(B)</i>	<i>CONF. & TRAVEL</i>	2,850	2,630
25	<i>(C)</i>	<i>PROF. FEES</i>	0	0
26	<i>(D)</i>	<i>CAP. OUTLAY</i>	0	0
27	<i>(E)</i>	<i>DATA PROC.</i>	2,640	2,740
28	<i>(04)</i>	<i>AID TO COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE</i>		
29		<i>OFFICES</i>	<u>283,500</u>	<u>283,500</u>
30		<i>TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED</i>	<u>\$ 1,237,551</u>	<u>\$ 1,262,009</u>

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33 *SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' HOME DIVISION - STATE. There is*
 34 *hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable*
 35 *from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and*
 36 *operating expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Home*

1 Division - State for the biennial period ending June 30, 2007, the following:

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ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
NO.	2005-2006	2006-2007
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 2,043,623	\$ 2,107,342
(02) EXTRA HELP	31,000	31,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	766,107	779,716
(04) OVERTIME	18,000	18,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	578,120	578,120
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,000	5,000
(C) PROF. FEES	54,000	54,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
(E) DATA PROC.	9,900	10,275
(06) REFUND/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>157,000</u>	<u>157,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 3,662,750</u>	<u>\$ 3,740,453</u>

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19 SECTION 4. EXTRA HELP - VETERANS' HOME DIVISION - STATE. There is hereby
 20 authorized, for the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Home - State
 21 for the 2005-2007 biennium, the following maximum number of part-time or
 22 temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds
 23 appropriated herein for such purposes: seven (7) temporary or part-time
 24 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the
 25 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act
 26 for the appropriate classification.

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28 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' HOME - FAYETTEVILLE - STATE. There is
 29 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable
 30 from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and
 31 operating expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Home -
 32 Fayetteville - State for the biennial period ending June 30, 2007, the
 33 following:

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36 ITEM FISCAL YEARS

<u>NO.</u>	<u>2005-2006</u>	<u>2006-2007</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 2,016,286	\$ 2,083,576
(02) EXTRA HELP	40,000	40,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	838,850	853,223
(04) OVERTIME	40,000	40,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	607,027	607,027
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,250	5,250
(C) PROF. FEES	56,700	56,700
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
(E) DATA PROC.	36,900	23,000
(06) REFUND/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>157,000</u>	<u>157,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 3,798,013</u>	<u>\$ 3,865,776</u>

SECTION 6. EXTRA HELP - VETERANS' HOME - FAYETTEVILLE - STATE. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Home - Fayetteville - State for the 2005-2007 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: seven (7) 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 7. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' CEMETERY - STATE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Cemetery - State for the biennial period ending June 30, 2007, the following:

<u>ITEM</u> <u>NO.</u>	<u>FISCAL YEARS</u>	
	<u>2005-2006</u>	<u>2006-2007</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 144,498	\$ 148,830
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	53,905	54,831
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	52,390	52,390

1	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0	0
2	(C) PROF. FEES	0	0
3	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
4	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>660</u>	<u>685</u>
5	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 251,453</u>	<u>\$ 256,736</u>

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 7 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATIONS - VETERANS' CEMETERY - CASH. There is hereby
 8 appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from cash
 9 funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801 of the Department of Veterans'
 10 Affairs, for operating expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs -
 11 Veterans' Cemetery - Cash for the biennial period ending June 30, 2007, the
 12 following:

15	ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
16	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2005-2006</u>	<u>2006-2007</u>
17	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
18	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$ 0	\$ 0
19	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0	0
20	(C) PROF. FEES	0	0
21	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	100,000	100,000
22	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
23	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 100,000</u>	<u>\$ 100,000</u>

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 25 SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 26 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
 27 FAYETTEVILLE VETERANS' HOME. Before funds or appropriations for the
 28 Fayetteville Nursing Home are spent, the Department of Veterans' Affairs
 29 shall present to the Joint Budget Committee or the Arkansas Legislative
 30 Council, a detailed report of the proposed project and a revised budget for
 31 operation showing there are sufficient funds for the entire operation. No
 32 funds shall be expended on construction or renovation of the Fayetteville
 33 Nursing Home until there is a balanced operating budget presented to the
 34 Joint Budget Committee or the Arkansas Legislative Council showing no
 35 additional general revenue will be needed for the operation of the home.

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1 Before any additional expenditures for the 2004 – 2005 fiscal year are spent,
2 the Department of Veterans' Affairs shall present to the Joint Budget
3 Committee or the Arkansas Legislative Council, a detailed report of the
4 proposed project and a revised budget for operation of the Nursing Home.

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6 SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
7 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRAINING
8 CONFERENCES. The funds appropriated herein for Aid to County Veterans Service
9 Offices may also be used by the Department of Veteran Affairs to pay expenses
10 of County Veterans Service Officers for attending regional or statewide
11 training conferences approved by the Department of Veterans Affairs and
12 designed to provide better trained and qualified Veterans Service Officers in
13 the various counties. Any such expenses paid by the Department of Veterans
14 Affairs from funds appropriated herein shall be on the same reimbursement
15 basis as the reimbursement of state employees for expenses incurred in
16 attending their official business. Provided, no County Veterans Service
17 Officer shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for expenses incurred in
18 attending more than two (2) approved conferences per year, per county. The
19 provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2003~~ 2005
20 through June 30, ~~2005~~ 2007.

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22 SECTION 11. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized
23 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds
24 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the
25 restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
26 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
27 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
28 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
29 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
30 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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32 SECTION 12. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
33 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
34 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
35 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
36 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by

1 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
2 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or
3 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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5 SECTION 13. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
6 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
7 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the
8 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2005 is essential to the operation of
9 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
10 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective
11 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2005 could work irreparable harm upon the
12 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
13 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
14 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
15 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2005.

16 */s/ Joint Budget Committee*