

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 86th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2007
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1537

5 By: Representative Petrus
6 By: Senator Critcher
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT
11 OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING
12 OFFICER FOR ASSISTANCE TO ARKANSAS RICE DEPOT -
13 TO ADDRESS STATEWIDE HUNGER NEEDS; AND FOR OTHER
14 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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18 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
19 AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER
20 - ASSISTANCE TO ARKANSAS RICE DEPOT - TO
21 ADDRESS STATEWIDE HUNGER NEEDS GENERAL
22 IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS - ARKANSAS RICE DEPOT. There is hereby
28 appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing
29 Officer, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor
30 fund or fund accounts, the following:

31 (A) For the Arkansas Rice Depot for operating expenses associated with
32 addressing statewide hunger needs through programs that distribute food to
33 food pantries, shelters, soup kitchens, schools and other organizations that
34 participate in the Arkansas Rice Depot's hunger relief network, the sum of
35\$1,000,000.
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1 SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
 2 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
 3 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
 4 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
 5 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
 6 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
 7 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
 8 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
 9 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
 10 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
 11 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
 12 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

13 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State Purchasing
 14 Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue
 15 Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this State
 16 and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration,
 17 as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of any
 18 funds provided by this act unless specifically provided otherwise by law.
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20 SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
 21 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
 22 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
 23 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
 24 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by
 25 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
 26 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or
 27 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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29 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
 30 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
 31 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the
 32 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2007 is essential to the operation of
 33 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
 34 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective
 35 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2007 could work irreparable harm upon the
 36 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.

Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2007.

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