

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

SENATE BILL 449

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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, 2009; 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 2007-2009
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 2007-2009 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	2007-2008	2008-2009
4	(1)	9989	VETERANS DIR DEPT OF VETERAN AFFAIR	1	\$84,620	\$86,312
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, 2009, the following:

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17	ITEM		FISCAL YEARS	
18	<u>NO.</u>		<u>2007-2008</u>	<u>2008-2009</u>
19	(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 672,495	\$ 685,934
20	(02)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	234,193	236,942
21	(03)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
22	(A)	OPER. EXPENSE	39,974	39,974
23	(B)	CONF. & TRAVEL	2,630	2,630
24	(C)	PROF. FEES	0	0
25	(D)	CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
26	(E)	DATA PROC.	0	0
27	(04)	AID TO COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE		
28		OFFICES	<u>283,500</u>	<u>283,500</u>
29		TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 1,232,792</u>	<u>\$ 1,248,980</u>

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31 SECTION 3. EXTRA HELP - VETERANS' HOME DIVISION - STATE. There is hereby
 32 authorized, for the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Home - State
 33 for the 2007-2009 biennium, the following maximum number of part-time or
 34 temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds
 35 appropriated herein for such purposes: seven (7) temporary or part-time
 36 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the

1 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act
2 for the appropriate classification.

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4 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' HOME DIVISION - STATE. There is
5 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable
6 from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and
7 operating expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Home
8 Division - State for the biennial period ending June 30, 2009, the following:

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10 ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
11 NO.	2007-2008	2008-2009
12 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 2,092,449	\$ 2,134,242
13 (02) EXTRA HELP	31,000	31,000
14 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	786,925	795,477
15 (04) OVERTIME	18,000	18,000
16 (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
17 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	578,120	578,120
18 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,000	5,000
19 (C) PROF. FEES	64,275	64,275
20 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
21 (E) DATA PROC.	0	0
22 (06) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>157,000</u>	<u>157,000</u>
23 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 3,732,769</u>	<u>\$ 3,783,114</u>

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25 SECTION 5. EXTRA HELP - VETERANS' HOME - FAYETTEVELLE - STATE. There is
26 hereby authorized, for the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Home -
27 Fayetteville - State for the 2007-2009 biennium, the following maximum number
28 of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable
29 from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: seven (7) temporary or
30 part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those
31 provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its
32 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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34 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' HOME - FAYETTEVILLE - STATE. There is
35 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable
36 from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and

1 operating expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Home -
 2 Fayetteville - State for the biennial period ending June 30, 2009, the
 3 following:

5	ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
6	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2007-2008</u>	<u>2008-2009</u>
7	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 2,190,590	\$ 2,234,353
8	(02) EXTRA HELP	40,000	40,000
9	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	892,206	901,161
10	(04) OVERTIME	40,000	40,000
11	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
12	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	630,027	630,027
13	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,250	5,250
14	(C) PROF. FEES	56,700	56,700
15	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
16	(E) DATA PROC.	0	0
17	(06) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>157,000</u>	<u>157,000</u>
18	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 4,011,773</u>	<u>\$ 4,064,491</u>

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20 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' CEMETERY - STATE. There is hereby
 21 appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the
 22 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating
 23 expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Cemetery - State
 24 for the biennial period ending June 30, 2009, the following:

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26	ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
27	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2007-2008</u>	<u>2008-2009</u>
28	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 158,254	\$ 161,417
29	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	57,578	58,225
30	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
31	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	53,075	53,075
32	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0	0
33	(C) PROF. FEES	0	0
34	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
35	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
36	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 268,907</u>	<u>\$ 272,717</u>

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2 SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
3 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

4 FAYETTEVILLE VETERANS' HOME. Before funds or appropriations for the
5 Fayetteville Nursing Home are spent, the Department of Veterans' Affairs
6 shall present to the Joint Budget Committee or the Arkansas Legislative
7 Council, a detailed report of the proposed project and a revised budget for
8 operation showing there are sufficient funds for the entire operation. ~~No~~
9 ~~funds shall be expended on construction or renovation of the Fayetteville~~
10 ~~Nursing Home until there is a balanced operating budget presented to the~~
11 ~~Joint Budget Committee or the Arkansas Legislative Council showing no~~
12 ~~additional general revenue will be needed for the operation of the home.~~

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14 Before any additional expenditures for the ~~2004—2005~~ 2007 - 2008 fiscal
15 year are spent, the Department of Veterans' Affairs shall present to the
16 Joint Budget Committee or the Arkansas Legislative Council, a detailed report
17 of the proposed project and a revised budget for operation of the Nursing
18 Home.

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20 SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
21 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRAINING
22 CONFERENCES. The funds appropriated herein for Aid to County Veterans Service
23 Offices may also be used by the Department of Veteran Affairs to pay expenses
24 of County Veterans Service Officers for attending regional or statewide
25 training conferences approved by the Department of Veterans Affairs and
26 designed to provide better trained and qualified Veterans Service Officers in
27 the various counties. Any such expenses paid by the Department of Veterans
28 Affairs from funds appropriated herein shall be on the same reimbursement
29 basis as the reimbursement of state employees for expenses incurred in
30 attending their official business. Provided, no County Veterans Service
31 Officer shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for expenses incurred in
32 attending more than two (2) approved conferences per year, ~~per county~~. The
33 provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2005~~ 2007
34 through June 30, ~~2007~~ 2009.

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36 SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

1 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. LIABILITY
2 INSURANCE APPROPRIATION RESTRICTION. In no event shall the Department of
3 Veterans Affairs expend or transfer any appropriation or funds for the
4 purchase of malpractice liability insurance for the benefit of a non-
5 governmental entity.

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

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17 SECTION 12. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
18 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
19 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
20 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
21 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by
22 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
23 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or
24 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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26 SECTION 13. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
27 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
28 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the
29 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2007 is essential to the operation of
30 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
31 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective
32 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2007 could work irreparable harm upon the
33 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
34 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
35 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
36 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2007.

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/s/ Joint Budget Committee