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For An Act To Be Entitled

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16 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR VETERANS' HOME
17 CONSTRUCTION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS
18 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2014; AND FOR
19 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

23 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS'
24 AFFAIRS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2013-2014
25 FISCAL YEAR.
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29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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31 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL FUNDS. There is hereby
32 appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the
33 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the
34 following:

35 (A) for land acquisition, improvements, construction, maintenance,
36 purchase of equipment and furnishings for a Veterans' Home, in a sum not to



1 exceed.....\$14,000,000.

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3 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS. There is hereby
4 appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the
5 General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the
6 following:

7 (A) for land acquisition, improvements, construction, maintenance,
8 purchase of equipment and furnishings for a Veterans' Home, in a sum not to
9 exceed.....\$7,500,000.

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11 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated,
12 to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the cash funds as
13 defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801 of the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the
14 following:

15 (A) for land acquisition, improvements, construction, maintenance,
16 purchase of equipment and furnishings for a Veterans' Home, in a sum not to
17 exceed.....\$7,000,000.

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19 SECTION 4. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Arkansas Code 20-81-107 is amended to read
20 as follows:

21 20-81-107. Gifts, volunteer services, etc.

22 (a) The Director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs is authorized
23 to arrange for and accept through such mutual arrangement as may be made the
24 volunteer services, equipment, gifts, facilities, properties, supplies, and
25 personnel of any state, county, and municipal offices and agencies and of
26 veterans' fraternal, welfare, civic, and service organizations in the
27 furtherance of the purposes of this act.

28 (b) The director may accept on behalf of the Department of Veterans'
29 Affairs from any natural person or legal entity the donation of real property
30 for use as a cemetery for the interment of Arkansas veterans of the United
31 States armed forces and their immediate next of kin as defined by the
32 department.

33 (c) The director may accept on behalf of the Department of Veterans'
34 Affairs from any source the donation of gifts, grants, cash, bequeaths, real
35 or personal property and equipment for the establishment, construction,
36 maintenance and operations of any state owned and operated Veterans' Home.

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

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12 SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
13 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
14 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
15 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
16 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
17 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
18 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
19 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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21 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
22 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
23 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
24 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2013 is essential to the operation of
25 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
26 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
27 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2013 could work irreparable harm
28 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
29 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
30 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
31 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2013.

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33 /s/Baird
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