

1 State of Arkansas As Engrossed: H3/31/25 H4/3/25

2 95th General Assembly **A Bill**

3 Regular Session, 2025

HOUSE BILL 1577

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5 By: Representatives Crawford, *Ennett*

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**For An Act To Be Entitled**

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AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR GRANTS FOR

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PERPETUAL CARE CEMETERIES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF

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COMMERCE - STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT FOR THE FISCAL

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YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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**Subtitle**

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AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE -

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STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT - GRANTS FOR

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PERPETUAL CARE CEMETERIES APPROPRIATION

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FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - PERPETUAL CARE CEMETERIES - GRANTS. There

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is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce - State Insurance

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Department, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury

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as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the following:

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(A) for grants for structural maintenance, roads, drainage, fencing,

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irrigation, unpaid maintenance expense and other repairs for perpetual care

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cemeteries, in a sum not to exceed .....\$10,000,000.

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SECTION 2. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds

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authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency

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and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and

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the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and

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Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary

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Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal



1 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
2 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
3 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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5 SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
6 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
7 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
8 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
9 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
10 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
11 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
12 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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14 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
15 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
16 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
17 effectiveness of this Act on the date of its passage and approval is  
18 essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this  
19 Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the Regular  
20 Session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond the date of its  
21 passage and approval could work irreparable harm upon the proper  
22 administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore,  
23 an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the  
24 immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in  
25 full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval. If  
26 the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall become  
27 effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor  
28 may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is  
29 overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last chamber overrides  
30 the veto.

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32 /s/Crawford  
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