

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 84th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2003

A Bill

SENATE BILL 152

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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, 2005; 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 2003-2005
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 - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby
25 established for the Department of Veterans' Affairs for the 2003-2005
26 biennium, the following maximum number of regular employees whose salaries
27 shall be governed by the provisions of the Uniform Classification and
28 Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its successor, and
29 all laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however, that any position to which a
30 specific maximum annual salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt
31 from the provisions of said Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All
32 persons occupying positions authorized herein are hereby governed by the
33 provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas
34 Code §21-5-101), or its successor.
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36 Maximum Annual



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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Salary Rate Fiscal Years	
				2003-2004	2004-2005
(1)	9989	VETERANS DIR DEPT OF VETERAN AFFAIR	1	\$76,966	\$78,828
(2)	751Z	VETERANS AFFAIRS ASSISTANT DIR	1	GRADE 24	
(3)	R266	MANAGEMENT PROJECT ANALYST II	2	GRADE 20	
(4)	R097	CHIEF CLAIMS & APPEALS SECTION	1	GRADE 19	
(5)	M098	VETERANS CLAIMS SPECIALIST	8	GRADE 18	
(6)	R264	MANAGEMENT PROJECT ANALYST I	1	GRADE 18	
(7)	R190	PERSONNEL OFFICER II	1	GRADE 17	
(8)	K041	EXECUTIVE SECY/ADMINISTRATIVE SECY	3	GRADE 14	
(9)	K153	SECRETARY II	4	GRADE 13	
(10)	K155	SECRETARY I	<u>1</u>	GRADE 11	
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	23		

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the State General Services Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs for the biennial period ending June 30, 2005, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS		
	2003-2004	2004-2005	
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 628,891	\$ 628,891
(02)	PERSONAL SERV MATCH	180,656	180,656
(03)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A)	OPER. EXPENSE	28,874	28,874
(B)	CONF. & TRAVEL	2,500	2,500
(C)	PROF. FEES	0	0
(D)	CAP. OUTLAY	3,000	3,000
(E)	DATA PROC.	0	0
(04)	AID TO COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICES	<u>270,000</u>	<u>270,000</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 1,113,921</u>	<u>\$ 1,113,921</u>

SECTION 3. REGULAR SALARIES - VETERANS' HOME DIVISION. There is hereby established for the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Home for the

1 2003-2005 biennium, the following maximum number of regular employees whose
 2 salaries shall be governed by the provisions of the Uniform Classification
 3 and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its successor,
 4 and all laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however, that any position to
 5 which a specific maximum annual salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be
 6 exempt from the provisions of said Uniform Classification and Compensation
 7 Act. All persons occupying positions authorized herein are hereby governed
 8 by the provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act
 9 (Arkansas Code §21-5-101), or its successor.

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			Maximum Annual		
			Maximum	Salary Rate	
			No. of	Fiscal Years	
Item	Class	Title	Employees	2003-2004	2004-2005
(1)	752Z	VETERANS HOME SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE	24
(2)	L078	NURSE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE	22
(3)	R438	VETERANS HOME ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE	22
(4)	L070	NURSE II	6	GRADE	20
(5)	M088	SOCIAL WORKER II	2	GRADE	20
(6)	R266	MANAGEMENT PROJECT ANALYST II	1	GRADE	20
(7)	M056	REHAB COUNSELOR III	1	GRADE	19
(8)	A111	ACCOUNTANT	1	GRADE	18
(9)	G028	BLDG PLANT MAINTENANCE SUPV II	1	GRADE	18
(10)	H032	FOOD PRODUCTION MANAGER	1	GRADE	18
(11)	G161	GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPAIRMAN	1	GRADE	17
(12)	M095	VOLUNTEER PROGRAM DEVELOPER I	1	GRADE	17
(13)	A108	ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN II	1	GRADE	15
(14)	L115	LPN II/LPTN II	9	GRADE	15
(15)	M048	RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER II	1	GRADE	15
(16)	T047	SECURITY OFFICER III	4	GRADE	15
(17)	K041	EXECUTIVE SECY/ADMINISTRATIVE SECY	1	GRADE	14
(18)	T045	SECURITY OFFICER II	2	GRADE	12
(19)	G151	CUSTODIAL SERVICE SHIFT SUPV	1	GRADE	11
(20)	L081	NURSING ASST II	19	GRADE	11
(21)	G165	WORK MAINTENANCE LEADER	2	GRADE	10

1	(22)	H005	BAKER II	1	GRADE 10
2	(23)	H027	COOK II	7	GRADE 10
3	(24)	H043	FOOD SERVICE WORKER II	4	GRADE 05
4	(25)	G035	CUSTODIAL WRKR II	7	GRADE 04
5	(26)	G075	HOUSEKEEPER	<u>1</u>	GRADE 04
6			MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	79	

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8 SECTION 4. EXTRA HELP - VETERANS' HOME DIVISION. There is hereby
 9 authorized, for the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Home for the
 10 2003-2005 biennium, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary
 11 employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated
 12 herein for such purposes: seven (7) temporary or part-time employees, when
 13 needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform
 14 Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the
 15 appropriate classification.

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17 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' HOME DIVISION. There is hereby
 18 appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the
 19 State General Services Fund Account, for personal services and operating
 20 expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Home for the
 21 biennial period ending June 30, 2005, the following:

23	ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
24	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2003-2004</u>	<u>2004-2005</u>
25	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 1,760,074	\$ 1,760,074
26	(02) EXTRA HELP	31,000	31,000
27	(03) PERSONAL SERV MATCH	551,203	551,203
28	(04) OVERTIME	12,000	12,000
29	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
30	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	474,425	474,425
31	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,000	5,000
32	(C) PROF. FEES	58,802	58,802
33	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	9,000	9,000
34	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
35	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 2,901,504</u>	<u>\$ 2,901,504</u>

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SECTION 6. REGULAR SALARIES - VETERANS' CEMETERY. There is hereby established for the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Cemetery for the 2003-2005 biennium, the following maximum number of regular employees whose salaries shall be governed by the provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however, that any position to which a specific maximum annual salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of said Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All persons occupying positions authorized herein are hereby governed by the provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101), or its successor.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Years	
				2003-2004	2004-2005
(1)	R266	MANAGEMENT PROJECT ANALYST II	1	GRADE 20	
(2)	G028	BLDG PLANT MAINTENANCE SUPV II	1	GRADE 18	
(3)	G161	GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPAIRMAN	1	GRADE 17	
(4)	R010	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	1	GRADE 17	
(5)	G043	EQUIPMENT MECHANIC	1	GRADE 15	
(6)	G165	WORK MAINTENANCE LEADER	<u>1</u>	GRADE 10	
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	6		

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' CEMETERY. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the State General Services Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Cemetery for the biennial period ending June 30, 2005, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS			
		2003-2004		2004-2005
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 113,425	\$	113,425
(02)	PERSONAL SERV MATCH	35,086		35,086
(03)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION			
(A)	OPER. EXPENSE	53,390		53,390

1	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0	0
2	(C) PROF. FEES	0	0
3	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
4	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
5	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 201,901</u>	<u>\$ 201,901</u>

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7 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATIONS - VETERANS' HOME 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 refunds of unused fees paid by residents of the Veterans' Home

11 of the Department of Veterans' Affairs for the biennial period ending June

12 30, 2005, the following:

14	ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2003-2004</u>	<u>2004-2005</u>
16	(01) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS FOR VETERANS'		
17	HOME RESIDENTS	<u>\$ 2,656,714</u>	<u>\$ 2,706,399</u>
18	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 2,656,714</u>	<u>\$ 2,706,399</u>

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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, 2001~~ July 1,

34 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

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36 SECTION 10. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized

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

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

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 19 SECTION 12. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
 20 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
 21 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the
 22 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2003 is essential to the operation of
 23 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
 24 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective
 25 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2003 could work irreparable harm upon the
 26 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
 27 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
 28 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
 29 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2003.