

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.

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2 84th General Assembly

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3 Regular Session, 2003

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

17 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS'
18 AFFAIRS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2003-2005
19 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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Maximum Annual



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	\$ 645,870	\$ 663,309
(02) PERSONAL SERV MATCH	192,697	195,813
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	36,364	36,364
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	2,500	2,500
(C) PROF. FEES	0	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0	0
(04) AID TO COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICES	<u>283,500</u>	<u>283,500</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,160,931</u>	<u>\$1,181,486</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		Employees	2003-2004	2004-2005
No.	Code	Title			
(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	22	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:

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23	ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
24	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2003-2004</u>	<u>2004-2005</u>
25	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,858,578	\$1,907,383
26	(02) EXTRA HELP	31,000	31,000
27	(03) PERSONAL SERV MATCH	594,176	602,898
28	(04) OVERTIME	15,000	15,000
29	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
30	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	654,455	654,455
31	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,000	5,000
32	(C) PROF. FEES	79,902	79,902
33	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	9,000	9,000
34	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
35	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$3,247,111</u>	<u>\$3,304,638</u>

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

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

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

ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2003-2004</u>	<u>2004-2005</u>
33 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 136,702	\$ 140,393
34 (02) PERSONAL SERV MATCH	44,589	45,248
35 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
36 (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>\$ 234,681</u>	<u>\$ 239,031</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	NO.	2003-2004	2004-2005
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. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' HOME - FAYETTEVILLE - STATE. There
 21 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable
 22 from the Department of Human Services Grants Fund Account, for the
 23 development of a Veterans' Home in Fayetteville, Arkansas for the biennial
 24 period ending June 30, 2005, the sum of \$2,400,000.

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 26 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' HOME - FAYETTEVILLE - FEDERAL.
 27 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be
 28 payable from Federal Funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
 29 State, for the development of a Veterans' Home in Fayetteville, Arkansas for
 30 the biennial period ending June 30, 2005, the sum of \$4,500,000.

31 SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 32 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING
 33 RESTRICTIONS. The appropriation and funding authorized in Section 9 of this
 34 Act shall only be utilized in the event that funding is not provided from the
 35 General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts for the
 36 development of a Veteran's Home in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

1 SECTION 12. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
2 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRAINING
3 CONFERENCES. The funds appropriated herein for Aid to County Veterans Service
4 Offices may also be used by the Department of Veteran Affairs to pay expenses
5 of County Veterans Service Officers for attending regional or statewide
6 training conferences approved by the Department of Veterans Affairs and
7 designed to provide better trained and qualified Veterans Service Officers in
8 the various counties. Any such expenses paid by the Department of Veterans
9 Affairs from funds appropriated herein shall be on the same reimbursement
10 basis as the reimbursement of state employees for expenses incurred in
11 attending their official business. Provided, no County Veterans Service
12 Officer shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for expenses incurred in
13 attending more than two (2) approved conferences per year, per county. The
14 provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~ July 1,
15 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

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17 SECTION 13. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized
18 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds
19 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the
20 restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and
21 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
22 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
23 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
24 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
25 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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36 SECTION 15. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General

1 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
2 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the
3 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2003 is essential to the operation of
4 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
5 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective
6 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2003 could work irreparable harm upon the
7 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
8 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
9 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
10 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2003.

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12 */s/ Joint Budget Committee*
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