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2 84th General Assembly
3 First Extraordinary Session, 2003
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A Bill

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HOUSE BILL 1007

5 By: Joint Budget Committee
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT
10 OF HEALTH FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; AND
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
16 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS - RURAL PHYSICIAN INCENTIVE PROGRAM. There is
22 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from the
23 *General Improvement Fund*, the following:

24 (A) For financial assistance to encourage physicians to locate in and
25 practice primary care medicine in medically underserved areas, the sum of
26\$868,000.
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28 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS - RURAL HEALTH SERVICES REVOLVING FUND. There
29 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from the
30 *General Improvement Fund*, the following:

31 (A) For establishment and retention of primary care services, support
32 improvements or transition initiatives of rural hospitals, provide funding
33 for needed emergency medical services, non-emergency medical services,
34 support efforts to improve health or the health care system in the community,
35 or support local community strategic planning efforts and as set out in
36 Arkansas Code 20-12-401, the sum of\$800,000.



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2 SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
3 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
4 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
5 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
6 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
7 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
8 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
9 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
10 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
11 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
12 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
13 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

14 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State Purchasing
15 Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue
16 Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this State
17 and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration,
18 as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of any
19 funds provided by this act unless specifically provided otherwise by law.
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21 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
22 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
23 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
24 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
25 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by
26 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
27 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or
28 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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30 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
31 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
32 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the
33 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2003 is essential to the operation of
34 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
35 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective
36 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2003 could work irreparable harm upon the

1 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
2 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
3 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
4 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2003.

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