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2 95th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2025
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1577

5 By: Representative Crawford
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR GRANTS FOR
9 PERPETUAL CARE CEMETERIES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
10 COMMERCE - STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT FOR THE FISCAL
11 YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE -
16 STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT - GRANTS FOR
17 PERPETUAL CARE CEMETERIES APPROPRIATION
18 FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - PERPETUAL CARE CEMETERIES - GRANTS. There
24 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce - State Insurance
25 Department, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury
26 as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the following:

27 (A) for grants for structural maintenance, roads, drainage, fencing,
28 irrigation, unpaid maintenance expense and other repairs for perpetual care
29 cemeteries, in a sum not to exceed\$10,000,000.
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31 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
32 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND



1 TRANSFER. Immediately upon the effective date of this Act, the Chief Fiscal
2 Officer of the State shall transfer on his or her books and those of the
3 State Treasurer and the Auditor of State the sum of ten million dollars
4 (\$10,000,000) from the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund to a cash fund
5 deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of
6 the State for grants for structural maintenance, roads, drainage, fencing and
7 other repairs for perpetual care cemeteries.

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

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19 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
20 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
21 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
22 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
23 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
24 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
25 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
26 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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28 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
29 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
30 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
31 effectiveness of this Act on the date of its passage and approval is
32 essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this
33 Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the Regular
34 Session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond the date of its
35 passage and approval could work irreparable harm upon the proper
36 administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore,

1 an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the
2 immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in
3 full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval. If
4 the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall become
5 effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor
6 may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
7 overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last chamber overrides
8 the veto.

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