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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 47

By: Joint Budget Committee

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES  
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF  
VETERANS' AFFAIRS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,  
2013; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS'  
AFFAIRS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2012-2013  
FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the  
Department of Veterans' Affairs for the 2012-2013 fiscal year, the following  
maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2012-2013
(1)	U008U	ADVA DIRECTOR	1	\$96,682
(2)	G038C	ADVA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE C126
(3)	L009C	NURSE MANAGER	1	GRADE C125
(4)	L008C	NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE C125
(5)	G076C	ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER	1	GRADE C124
(6)	L019C	REGISTERED NURSE COORDINATOR	2	GRADE C123
(7)	L027C	REGISTERED NURSE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C122



(8)	M009C	LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER	3	GRADE C121
(9)	L032C	REGISTERED NURSE - HOSPITAL	14	GRADE C121
(10)	G185C	ADVA PROGRAM COORDINATOR	3	GRADE C117
(11)	R025C	HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST	1	GRADE C117
(12)	G237C	VETERANS CEMETERY MANAGER	2	GRADE C117
(13)	P027C	PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C116
(14)	X113C	VETERANS CLAIMS SPECIALIST	7	GRADE C116
(15)	C037C	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	3	GRADE C115
(16)	A091C	FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE C115
(17)	S033C	MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	4	GRADE C115
(18)	S044C	FOOD PREPARATION MANAGER	1	GRADE C114
(19)	R036C	HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST	2	GRADE C113
(20)	L069C	LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE	27	GRADE C113
(21)	S046C	MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	5	GRADE C113
(22)	T072C	SECURITY OFFICER SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE C113
(23)	C056C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	7	GRADE C112
(24)	S056C	FOOD PREPARATION SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C111
(25)	M076C	RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER II	3	GRADE C111
(26)	T084C	PUBLIC SAFETY SECURITY OFFICER	8	GRADE C110
(27)	C073C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	3	GRADE C109
(28)	L082C	CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT	76	GRADE C109
(29)	S060C	HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	4	GRADE C109
(30)	M082C	RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER I	1	GRADE C109
(31)	S065C	MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT	2	GRADE C108
(32)	T087C	SECURITY OFFICER	2	GRADE C106
(33)	S086C	COOK	7	GRADE C104
(34)	S084C	INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C104
(35)	S087C	INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES ASSISTANT	20	GRADE C103
(36)	S089C	FOOD PREPARATION TECHNICIAN	<u>5</u>	GRADE C102
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	225	

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$838,421
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	290,649
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	68,444
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,130
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) AID TO COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICES	<u>283,500</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,485,144</u></u>

SECTION 3. EXTRA HELP - VETERANS' HOME DIVISION - STATE. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Home - State for the 2012-2013 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: seven (7) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' HOME DIVISION - STATE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Home Division - State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,680,898
(02) EXTRA HELP	31,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,028,648
(04) OVERTIME	18,000

(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	590,738
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,000
(C) PROF. FEES	64,275
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>160,801</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$4,579,360</u></u>

SECTION 5. EXTRA HELP - VETERANS' HOME - FAYETTEVILLE. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Home Fayetteville for the 2012-2013 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: seven (7) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' HOME - FAYETTEVILLE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Home - Fayetteville for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2012-2013</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,098,278
(02) EXTRA HELP	40,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,168,456
(04) OVERTIME	40,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,107,027
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,250
(C) PROF. FEES	200,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0

(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>475,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$7,134,011</u></u>

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' CEMETERIES - STATE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Cemeteries - State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2012-2013</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$343,021
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	132,589
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	106,150
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$581,760</u></u>

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' CEMETERIES - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Cemeteries - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2012-2013</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$10,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,000
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	130,000

(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$145,000</u></u>

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' HOME - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Home - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$150,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(02) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>142,245</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$292,245</u></u>

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE VETERANS' CEMETERY - BIRDEYE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for construction expenses associated with establishing an Arkansas State Veterans' Cemetery in Cross County by the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Arkansas State Veterans' Cemetery - Birdeye for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013
(01) CONSTRUCTION	<u><u>\$7,139,250</u></u>

SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRAINING CONFERENCES. The funds appropriated herein for Aid to County Veterans'

Service Offices may also be used by the Department of Veterans' Affairs to pay expenses of County Veterans' Service Officers for attending regional or statewide training conferences approved by the Department of Veterans' Affairs and designed to provide better trained and qualified Veterans' Service Officers in the various counties. Any such expenses paid by the Department of Veterans' Affairs from funds appropriated herein shall be on the same reimbursement basis as the reimbursement of state employees for expenses incurred in attending their official business. Provided, no County Veterans' Service Officer shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for expenses incurred in attending more than two (2) approved conferences per year.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2010~~ 2012 through June 30, ~~2011~~ 2013.

SECTION 12. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. LIABILITY INSURANCE APPROPRIATION RESTRICTION. In no event shall the Department of Veterans' Affairs expend or transfer any appropriation or funds for the purchase of malpractice liability insurance for the benefit of a non-governmental entity.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2010~~ 2012 through June 30, ~~2011~~ 2013.

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

SECTION 14. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for

which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

SECTION 15. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2012 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2012 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2012.

**APPROVED: 02/24/2012**