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A Bill

SENATE BILL 267

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS AGRICULTURE
DEPARTMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS AGRICULTURE
DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2017-
2018 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Arkansas Agriculture Department for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2017-2018
(1)	U072U	SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE	1	\$118,027
(2)	U057U	DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE	1	\$110,425
(3)	U003U	STATE FORESTER	1	\$109,953
(4)	U044U	PLANT BOARD DIRECTOR	1	\$107,074
(5)	N045N	DIRECTOR OF POULTRY DISEASES	1	GRADE N909
(6)	N056N	AGRI COORDINATOR OF LABORATORY	1	GRADE N908
(7)	N058N	DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ARLPC	1	GRADE N908



(8)	B004N	STATE VETERINARIAN	1	GRADE N908
(9)	B006N	ARLPC BOARD CERTIFIED PATHOLOGIST	2	GRADE N907
(10)	G017C	PLANT BOARD ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE N906
(11)	G004C	MANAGING ATTORNEY	1	GRADE GS13
(12)	B020N	VETERINARY TOXICOLOGIST	1	GRADE N904
(13)	B010N	VETERINARY VIROLOGIST	1	GRADE N904
(14)	A010N	AGRICULTURE CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE N903
(15)	B001C	DEPUTY STATE FORESTER	1	GRADE C130
(16)	B002C	AGRI DIRECTOR OF MARKETING	1	GRADE C129
(17)	N001C	DEPUTY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	1	GRADE C128
(18)	B010C	AGRI DIVISION MANAGER	6	GRADE C127
(19)	B014C	ASST STATE FORESTER	2	GRADE C126
(20)	R006C	HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE C126
(21)	B022C	DISTRICT FORESTER	8	GRADE C124
(22)	B128C	METROLOGY LABORATORY MANAGER	1	GRADE C123
(23)	P004C	PUBLIC INFORMATION MANAGER	1	GRADE C123
(24)	B136C	ARLPC LAB QUALITY MANAGER	1	GRADE C122
(25)	B037C	CHEMIST SUPERVISOR	3	GRADE C122
(26)	B034C	MICROBIOLOGIST SUPERVISOR	5	GRADE C122
(27)	A050C	AGENCY FISCAL MANAGER	1	GRADE C121
(28)	S005C	AVIATION MANAGER	1	GRADE C121
(29)	G109C	GRANTS MANAGER	2	GRADE C121
(30)	D052C	SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE C121
(31)	B038C	STATE FOREST MANAGER	1	GRADE C121
(32)	X058C	AGRI COMMODITY AREA SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE C120
(33)	B049C	AGRI PROGRAM MANAGER	23	GRADE C120
(34)	D057C	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGER	1	GRADE C120
(35)	D056C	SYSTEMS COORDINATION ANALYST	1	GRADE C120
(36)	D061C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS COORDINATION SPEC	2	GRADE C119
(37)	B127C	SENIOR MICROBIOLOGIST	1	GRADE C119
(38)	B058C	STAFF FORESTER	6	GRADE C119
(39)	B072C	AGRI PROGRAM COORDINATOR	7	GRADE C118
(40)	R024C	ASSISTANT PERSONNEL MANAGER	2	GRADE C118
(41)	C010C	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE C118
(42)	A074C	FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C118
(43)	A073C	PROGRAM/FIELD AUDITOR SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C118

(44)	A082C	ACCOUNTANT II	1	GRADE C117
(45)	X109C	AGRI INVESTIGATOR	2	GRADE C117
(46)	X111C	AGRI INSPECTOR SUPV	5	GRADE GS07
(47)	C015C	ARLPC ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	2	GRADE C117
(48)	B081C	CHEMIST	15	GRADE C117
(49)	B080C	FORESTER	36	GRADE C117
(50)	B078C	METROLOGIST	2	GRADE C117
(51)	B077C	MICROBIOLOGIST	10	GRADE C117
(52)	X097C	PLANT BOARD AGRICULTURE SPECIALIST	34	GRADE GS05
(53)	X132C	AGRI COMMODITY COMPLIANCE INSPECTOR	7	GRADE C116
(54)	V014C	BUYER	5	GRADE C116
(55)	D076C	COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C116
(56)	B088C	COUNTY FOREST RANGER	61	GRADE C116
(57)	A084C	PROGRAM/FIELD AUDIT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE C116
(58)	P027C	PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C116
(59)	E046C	TRAINING INSTRUCTOR	1	GRADE C116
(60)	C037C	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	5	GRADE C115
(61)	X149C	AGRI COMMODITY COMPLIANCE SPECIALIST	11	GRADE C115
(62)	X148C	AIRCRAFT PILOT	4	GRADE C115
(63)	X146C	AGRI INSPECTOR III	8	GRADE GS06
(64)	S036C	AUTO/DIESEL MECHANIC SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE C115
(65)	A091C	FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	3	GRADE C115
(66)	D078C	GIS TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE C115
(67)	R032C	HUMAN RESOURCES PROGRAM REP	1	GRADE C115
(68)	X162C	AGRI COMMODITY GRADER II	14	GRADE C114
(69)	S040C	CALIBRATION TECHNICIAN	2	GRADE C114
(70)	X157C	AGRI INSPECTOR II	3	GRADE GS05
(71)	B098C	FOREST RANGER II	114	GRADE C114
(72)	B097C	NATURAL RESOURCES PROGRAM SPECIALIST	3	GRADE C114
(73)	B096C	AGRI SEED ANALYST	6	GRADE GS04
(74)	D081C	TELECOMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST	8	GRADE C114
(75)	X165C	AGRI INSPECTOR I	51	GRADE GS04
(76)	B101C	NATURAL RESOURCES PROGRAM TECHNICIAN	3	GRADE C113
(77)	C057C	ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C112
(78)	C056C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	10	GRADE C112
(79)	S053C	AUTO/DIESEL MECHANIC	4	GRADE C112

(80)	A098C	FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE C112
(81)	C054C	LOCAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	10	GRADE C112
(82)	B111C	LABORATORY TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE C110
(83)	C073C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	<u>16</u>	GRADE C109
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	568	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas Agriculture Department for the 2017-2018 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: one hundred seventy-one (171) 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 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the Department of Agriculture Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$10,196,030
(02) EXTRA HELP	74,131
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	3,677,370
(04) OVERTIME	16,571
(05) UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	5,200
(06) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,858,438
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	61,113
(C) PROF. FEES	328,500
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(07) PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES	6,148
(08) BOLL WEEVIL PROGRAM	<u>20,000</u>

TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$17,243,501

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the Livestock and Poultry Fund Account, for operating expenses of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock and Poultry Commission - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$77,131
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$77,131</u>

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - ANIMAL DISEASE CONTROL AND ERADICATION PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the Livestock and Poultry Commission Disease and Pest Control Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock and Poultry Commission - Animal Disease Control and Eradication Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$586,197
(02) EXTRA HELP	55,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	232,831
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	255,592
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	20,000

(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,149,620</u></u>

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - EGG GRADING PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the Poultry and Egg Grading Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock and Poultry Commission - Egg Grading Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2017-2018</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,358,349
(02) EXTRA HELP	67,500
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	579,411
(04) OVERTIME	300,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	230,902
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	18,350
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	50,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	887,968
(07) EGG PROMOTION EXPENSE	<u>64,500</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,556,980</u></u>

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY TESTING. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the Livestock and Poultry Special Revenue Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock and Poultry Commission - Diagnostic Laboratory Testing for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2017-2018</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$120,889

(02) EXTRA HELP	14,500
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	42,142
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,708,077
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	25,000
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	310,000
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,220,608</u></u>

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - BRAND REGISTRY.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the Livestock and Poultry Special Revenue Fund, for maintenance of the Brand Registry Book by the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock and Poultry Commission - Brand Registry for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
(01) BRAND REGISTRY	<u><u>\$6,000</u></u>

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - INDEMNITIES - REVOLVING. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Revolving Fund, for payment of authorized indemnities by the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock and Poultry Commission - Indemnities - Revolving for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
(01) INDEMNITIES	<u><u>\$45,000</u></u>

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - POULTRY INDEMNITIES - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801 of the Arkansas Agriculture Department, for payment of poultry

indemnities by the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock and Poultry Commission - Poultry Indemnities - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018
(01) POULTRY INDEMNITIES	<u>\$10,000</u>

SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - SWINE TESTING PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the Livestock and Poultry Commission Swine Testing Fund, for the purpose of funding the Pseudorabies Control and Eradication Program of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock and Poultry Commission - Swine Testing Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018
(01) SWINE TESTING PROGRAM	<u>\$1,500</u>

SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - SHOW PREMIUMS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for show premiums, refunds, and reimbursements of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock and Poultry Commission - Show Premiums for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018
(01) ARSHS RODEO ASSOCIATION	\$20,000
(02) COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW PREMIUMS	360,000
(03) DISTRICT JR LIVESTOCK SHOW PREMIUMS	28,430
(04) DISTRICT LIVESTOCK SHOW PREMIUMS	144,000
(05) FOUR STATES LIVESTOCK SHOW PREMIUMS	24,000
(06) STATE LIVESTOCK SHOW PREMIUMS	120,000
(07) REFUNDS/REIMBURSE 4H CLUBS	20,000

(08) REFUNDS/REIMBURSE FFA CLUBS	20,000
(09) REFUNDS/REIMBURSE MISS AR RODEO	<u>350</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$736,780</u></u>

SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - EQUINE INFECTIOUS ANEMIA. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the Livestock and Poultry Equine Infectious Anemia Control Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock and Poultry Commission - Equine Infectious Anemia for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$79,280
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	22,090
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	200,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	100,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) EDUCATIONAL GRANTS	<u>30,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$431,370</u></u>

SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - ANIMAL HEALTH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock and Poultry Commission - Animal Health for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$236,229
(02) EXTRA HELP	8,311
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	82,079

(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	118,111
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,350
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$450,080</u></u>

SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS AND AID. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses and assistance to eligible agricultural producers by the Arkansas Agriculture Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
(01) AQUACULTURE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	<u><u>\$2,225</u></u>

SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - ADMINISTRATION/PEST CONTROL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the Plant Board Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - State Plant Board - Administration/Pest Control for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,322,264
(02) EXTRA HELP	250,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,174,892
(04) OVERTIME	50,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,331,613
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	83,613
(C) PROF. FEES	244,510

(D) CAP. OUTLAY	935,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) CONSTRUCTION	500,000
(07) PEST ERADICATION	<u>1,000,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$8,891,892</u></u>

SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - PUBLIC GRAIN WAREHOUSE INSPECTION PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the Plant Board Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - State Plant Board - Public Grain Warehouse Inspection Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$149,172
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	54,127
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	67,935
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,613
(C) PROF. FEES	1,200
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$277,047</u></u>

SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - PESTICIDE SURVEILLANCE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the Plant Board Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - State Plant Board - Pesticide Surveillance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$152,916
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	54,979

(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	52,066
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	6,000
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$265,961</u></u>

SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - APIARY. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the Plant Board Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - State Plant Board - Apiary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$107,845
(02) <i>EXTRA HELP</i>	10,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	39,676
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	51,085
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$208,606</u></u>

SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - PRODUCT MARKETING PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - State Plant Board - Product Marketing Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

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(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$147,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	6,000
(C) PROF. FEES	150,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(02) PRODUCT MARKETING GRANTS & AID	200,000
(03) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>97,059</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$600,059</u></u>

SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - REFUNDS/TRANSFERS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801 of the Arkansas Agriculture Department, for operating expenses, refunds and transfers to the State Treasury by the Arkansas Agriculture Department - State Plant Board - Refunds/Transfers for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$500
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(02) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>6,765,100</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$6,765,600</u></u>

SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - PESTICIDE/PLANT REGULATORY PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the Abandoned Agricultural Pesticide and Plant Regulator Disposal Trust Fund, for operating expenses of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - State Plant Board - Pesticide/Plant Regulatory Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$1,500,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,500,000</u></u>

SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - U OF A AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIPS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the Plant Board Fund, for grants for internships and scholarships from civil penalties collected by the Arkansas Agriculture Department - State Plant Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
(01) GRANT TO THE UNIV OF ARK-DIV. OF AGRICULTURE FOR INTERNSHIPS & SCHOLARSHIPS	<u><u>\$5,000</u></u>

SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - ASU AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIPS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the Plant Board Fund, for grants for internships and scholarships from civil penalties collected by the Arkansas Agriculture Department - State Plant Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
(01) GRANT TO THE ARK ST UNIV COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE FOR INTERNSHIPS & SCHOLARSHIPS	<u><u>\$5,000</u></u>

SECTION 25. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - AR TECH AGRICULTURE

SCHOLARSHIPS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the Plant Board Fund, for grants for internships and scholarships from civil penalties collected by the Arkansas Agriculture Department - State Plant Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
(01) GRANT TO THE ARK TECH UNIV AGRICULTURE DEPT FOR INTERNSHIPS & SCHOLARSHIPS	<u>\$5,000</u>

SECTION 26. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - SAU AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIPS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the Plant Board Fund, for grants for internships and scholarships from civil penalties collected by the Arkansas Agriculture Department - State Plant Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
(01) GRANT TO THE SAU AGRICULTURE DEPT FOR INTERNSHIPS & SCHOLARSHIPS	<u>\$5,000</u>

SECTION 27. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the State Forestry Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - State Forestry Commission - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$5,042,169
(02) EXTRA HELP	255,855
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,883,108
(04) OVERTIME	52,400

(05) UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	55,000
(06) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,292,020
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	100,000
(C) PROF. FEES	325,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	743,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(07) FORESTRY GRANTS AND AID - FIREBOAT SCHOOL	15,000
(08) FEDERAL INITIATIVE PROGRAM	<u>138,512</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>10,902,064</u></u>

SECTION 28. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - RURAL COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses and federal matching grants to purchase firefighting equipment by the Arkansas Agriculture Department - State Forestry Commission - Rural Community Fire Protection - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$67,510
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	25,453
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	366,566
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	30,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) RURAL COMMUNITY MATCH GRANTS	<u>364,710</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$854,239</u></u>

SECTION 29. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - URBAN FORESTRY SERVICES - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the State Forestry Fund, for personal services, operating expenses and urban forestry matching grants of the

Arkansas Agriculture Department - State Forestry Commission - Urban Forestry Services - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$67,500
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	50,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(02) URBAN FORESTRY MATCHING GRANTS	<u>82,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$199,500</u></u>

SECTION 30. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - RURAL FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE LOANS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the Rural Fire Protection Revolving Fund, for loans to communities for fire protection by the Arkansas Agriculture Department - State Forestry Commission - Rural Fire Protection Service Loans for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018
(01) RURAL FIRE PROTECTION LOANS	<u><u>\$1,200,000</u></u>

SECTION 31. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - STATE FORESTRY TRUST PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the State Forestry Trust Fund, for management and operating expenses, fire control, communications, contracting for assistance, and other services of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - State Forestry Commission - State Forestry Trust Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	

(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$200,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	100,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	1,000,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(02) FIRE CONTROL/COMMUNICATE	900,000
(03) MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS	<u>300,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,500,000</u></u>

SECTION 32. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - SOUTHERN PINE BEETLE PREVENTION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for grants by the Arkansas Agriculture Department - State Forestry Commission - Southern Pine Beetle Prevention for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018
(01) SOUTHERN PINE BEETLE GRANTS AND AID	<u>150,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$150,000</u></u>

SECTION 33. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - FOREST LEGACY. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - State Forestry Commission - Forest Legacy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$6,599
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>

TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$6,599

SECTION 34. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - SILVICULTURAL NON-POINT PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - State Forestry Commission - Silvicultural Non-Point Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$3,200
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$3,200</u>

SECTION 35. APPROPRIATION - AGRICULTURE CASH OPERATING FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, 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 Arkansas Agriculture Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$50,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(02) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>10,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$60,000</u>

SECTION 36. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT. Funds appropriated in Item (07), (08) and (09) of the Livestock and Poultry - Show Premiums appropriation section shall be used to pay expenses necessary for members of high school 4H clubs, high school FFA clubs and Miss Arkansas Rodeo for expenses incurred while representing the State of Arkansas at national conferences and events outside the State. The State 4H Association and the State FFA Association shall receive funds appropriated for expense reimbursement of student members but shall be limited to \$20,000 each, or so much thereof that is available. Reimbursement of expenses for Miss Arkansas Rodeo shall be limited to \$350 per year.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~ 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

SECTION 37. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND TRANSFER. The Executive Director of the Livestock and Poultry Commission, with prior approval of the Arkansas Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee, the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and for the reimbursing of documented expenditures designated by law to be made from the transferred special revenue, may transfer funds among the Livestock and Poultry Equine Infectious Anemia Control Fund, Livestock and Poultry Commission Disease and Pest Control Fund, Livestock and Poultry Special Revenue Fund, Livestock and Poultry Commission Swine Testing Fund, and the Poultry and Egg Grading Fund or from these funds to the Livestock and Poultry Fund Account. The purpose of these transfers shall only be for accurate allocation of incurred costs between the funds. Requests for fund transfer will at least include the total amount to be transferred, to and from which funds, the nature, purpose, and time period of the expenditures being reimbursed, and any other information requested by the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee.

Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and

the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock and Poultry Commission may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock and Poultry Commission authorizing broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~ 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

SECTION 38. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER PROVISION - PEST ERADICATION. If the State Plant Board determines that the demands of pest eradication efforts require additional personnel expenses, with the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, appropriations may be transferred from the Pest Eradication Program special line item to the line items for Regular Salaries, Extra Help, Overtime, and Personal Services Matching.

Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that the State Plant Board may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the State Plant Board authorizing broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this

section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~ 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

SECTION 39. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. EXTRA HELP PROVISION. No employee of the Arkansas Forestry Commission who is employed as "Extra Help" may receive an amount to exceed 3/4 of the maximum annual salary for a comparable position as authorized by Arkansas Code 21-5-201 et seq. during any fiscal year, nor may such employee be employed for a period of time to exceed nine (9) months in any single fiscal year. Provided, however, that no employee of the Arkansas Forestry Commission who is employed as "Extra Help" may receive an amount to exceed seventy five percent (75%) of the maximum annual salary for a comparable position as authorized by Arkansas Code 21-5-201 et seq. during any fiscal year, nor shall such employee be employed for a period of time to exceed fourteen hundred (1400) hours in any single fiscal year.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~ 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

SECTION 40. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER PROVISION. If the State Forestry Commission determines that temporary firefighters, dispatchers, or pilots are required to meet the demands of a wildfire season, and upon approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, appropriations may be transferred from either Extra Help or Professional Fees and Services to the proper character code for the employment of such personnel.

If the State Forestry Commission determines that the deployment of air tankers for fighting wildfires requires additional Professional Fees and Services, and upon the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, excess appropriation in Regular Salaries or Personal Services Matching may be

transferred to Professional Fees and Services in the Operations and Forestry - Rural Community Fire Protection - Federal appropriation sections.

If the State Forestry Commission determines that the most effective way for it to cooperate in the growing and distribution of forest planting stock is by contracting work with private vendors and/or hiring temporary employees for seasonal work, the Commission is hereby authorized, upon approval by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, to transfer the necessary appropriation authorized for Extra Help and Maintenance and General Operation in the Operations and Forestry - Rural Community Fire Protection - Federal appropriation sections.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~ 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

SECTION 41. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. REFUND TO EXPENDITURE. The Arkansas Forestry Commission is authorized to charge fees to federal agencies and other states to reimburse the Commission for expenditures made on behalf of these governmental units. These fees shall be deposited into the State Forestry Fund in the State Treasury as a refund to expenditure.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~ 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

SECTION 42. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. The Arkansas Forestry Commission shall present the following data each month to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. This report shall be due by the 10th day of the month following the reporting period. The first reporting period shall be July 2012.

a) All fund transfers completed by the Arkansas Forestry Commission from any funding source including federal funds, and shall include a justification for the completion of the fund transfers.

b) All expenditures incurred by the Arkansas Forestry Commission from any funding source including federal funds, and shall include a justification for the expenditure of the funds.

c) All revenue receipts of the Arkansas Forestry Commission including but not limited to federal funds, general revenue, severance tax, acreage tax, timber sales and seedlings sales.

d) All Arkansas Forestry Commission activities including but not limited to, firefighting activities, fire prevention, and emergency response as it relates to the Commission's statutory mission provided in Arkansas Code 15-31-101.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~ 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

SECTION 43. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

PROMOTIONAL ITEMS. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall establish upon request for the Arkansas Agriculture Department a special Promotional Items appropriation to be used in the acquisition of promotional items. When the Arkansas Agriculture Department wishes to transfer from its operating expenses to the promotional items line, the request shall be forwarded by the Arkansas Agriculture Department to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State for processing and for prior approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that the Arkansas Agriculture Department may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Arkansas Agriculture Department authorizing broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~ 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

SECTION 44. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SHARED SERVICES. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall be authorized to create paying accounts, on his or her books and on the books of the Treasurer of the State and Auditor of State for the payment of all personal services and operating expenses of the Department, as well as grant programs as determined by the Secretary of the Arkansas Agriculture Department. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the state shall direct the transfer of positions, funds and appropriations to the paying accounts on the books of the Treasurer of State, the Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State for the efficient operations of the Department.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

SECTION 45. 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 46. 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 47. 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, 2017 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, 2017 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, 2017.

/s/Joint Budget Committee

APPROVED: 04/03/2017