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A Bill

SENATE BILL 176

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT THE STATE HIGHWAY
COMMISSION IS AUTHORIZED TO PAY FOR A TOOL
ALLOWANCE FOR SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT THE STATE HIGHWAY
COMMISSION IS AUTHORIZED TO PAY FOR A
TOOL ALLOWANCE FOR SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-65-140 is amended to read as follows:
27-65-140. Tool allowance.

(a) The State Highway Commission is hereby authorized to pay from
funds appropriated for maintenance and operation a tool allowance of ~~three~~
~~hundred sixty dollars (\$360)~~ four hundred eighty dollars (\$480) per annum for
each mechanic, electrical, plumbing, and mechanical repairer, welder, or body
repairer and painter employed by the Arkansas State Highway and
Transportation Department who works on highway equipment and facilities.

(b) The aforementioned allowance shall be equated to ~~thirty dollars~~
~~(\$30.00)~~ forty dollars (\$40.00) per month for each month of employment for
the eligible personnel of the department.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that an increase in the amount of
tool allowance is essential to specific employees; that delay in increasing



1 this amount could cause harm to the proper administration of this program;
2 and that this act is immediately necessary for these reasons. Therefore, an
3 emergency is declared to exist and this act being necessary for the
4 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective
5 on July 1, 2007.