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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1299

By: Representatives J. Edwards, Carter

By: Senator J. English

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR VETERANS' HOME
CONSTRUCTION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2014; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS'
AFFAIRS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2013-2014
FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL FUNDS. 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, the following:

(A) for land acquisition, improvements, construction, maintenance, purchase of equipment and furnishings for a Veterans' Home, in a sum not to exceed.....\$14,000,000.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for land acquisition, improvements, construction, maintenance, purchase of equipment and furnishings for a Veterans' Home, in a sum not to



exceed.....\$7,500,000.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801 of the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the following:

(A) for land acquisition, improvements, construction, maintenance, purchase of equipment and furnishings for a Veterans' Home, in a sum not to exceed.....\$7,000,000.

SECTION 4. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Arkansas Code 20-81-107 is amended to read as follows:

20-81-107. Gifts, volunteer services, etc.

(a) The Director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs is authorized to arrange for and accept through such mutual arrangement as may be made the volunteer services, equipment, gifts, facilities, properties, supplies, and personnel of any state, county, and municipal offices and agencies and of veterans' fraternal, welfare, civic, and service organizations in the furtherance of the purposes of this act.

(b) The director may accept on behalf of the Department of Veterans' Affairs from any natural person or legal entity the donation of real property for use as a cemetery for the interment of Arkansas veterans of the United States armed forces and their immediate next of kin as defined by the department.

(c) The director may accept on behalf of the Department of Veterans' Affairs from any source the donation of gifts, grants, cash, bequeaths, real or personal property and equipment for the establishment, construction, maintenance and operations of any state owned and operated Veterans' Home.

SECTION 5. 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 6. 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 7. 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, 2013 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, 2013 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, 2013.