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SENATE BILL 74

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,
2020; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS'
AFFAIRS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2019-2020
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 2019-2020 fiscal year, the following
maximum number of regular employees.

| Item No. | Class Code | Title | Maximum No. of Employees | Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2019-2020 |
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| (1) | U008U | ADVA DIRECTOR | 1 | GRADE SE02 |
| (1.1) | L018N | NURSE PRACTITIONER | 1 | GRADE MP04 |
| (2) | L009C | NURSE MANAGER | 2 | GRADE MP03 |
| (3) | L019C | REGISTERED NURSE COORDINATOR | 1 | GRADE MP02 |
| (4) | L027C | REGISTERED NURSE SUPERVISOR | 1 | GRADE MP02 |
| (5) | L032C | REGISTERED NURSE - HOSPITAL | 18 | GRADE MP01 |
| (6) | D020C | INST INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COORD | 1 | GRADE IT05 |



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| (7.1) N197N NURSING HOME DIVISION DIRECTOR | 1 | GRADE GS15 |
| (7) D079C COMPUTER SUPPORT TECHNICIAN | 1 | GRADE IT02 |
| (8) G039N ADVA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR | 1 | GRADE GS14 |
| (9) L026N STATE VETERANS HOME ADMINISTRATOR | 2 | GRADE GS14 |
| (10) A133C ADVA CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER | 1 | GRADE GS13 |
| (11) A031C ASSISTANT CONTROLLER | 1 | GRADE GS11 |
| (12) G254C ADVA DIVISION MANAGER | 2 | GRADE GS10 |
| (13) A050C AGENCY FISCAL MANAGER | 1 | GRADE GS09 |
| (14) M009C LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER | 2 | GRADE GS09 |
| (15) A082C ACCOUNTANT II | 1 | GRADE GS08 |
| (16) S003C FOOD & BEVERAGE DIRECTOR | 2 | GRADE GS08 |
| (17) R014C PERSONNEL MANAGER | 1 | GRADE GS08 |
| (18) X062C QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR | 1 | GRADE GS08 |
| (19) G252C VETERANS SERVICE PROGRAM MANAGER | 1 | GRADE GS08 |
| (20) R024C ASSISTANT PERSONNEL MANAGER | 1 | GRADE GS07 |
| (21) G159C DEPARTMENT BUSINESS COORDINATOR | 2 | GRADE GS07 |
| (22) C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR | 1 | GRADE GS07 |
| (23) P013C PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR | 1 | GRADE GS07 |
| (24) E040C STAFF DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR | 1 | GRADE GS07 |
| (25) G253C VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER | 12 | GRADE GS07 |
| (26) C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST | 2 | GRADE GS06 |
| (27) L069C LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE | 34 | GRADE GS06 |
| (28) S017C MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR | 1 | GRADE GS06 |
| (29) V014C BUYER | 1 | GRADE GS05 |
| (30) A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST | 1 | GRADE GS05 |
| (31) R032C HUMAN RESOURCES PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVE | 2 | GRADE GS05 |
| (32) S033C MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR | 2 | GRADE GS05 |
| (33) C028C MEDICAL RECORDS SUPERVISOR | 1 | GRADE GS05 |
| (34) M065C RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY SUPERVISOR | 1 | GRADE GS05 |
| (35) G237C VETERANS CEMETERY MANAGER | 2 | GRADE GS05 |
| (36) V018C WAREHOUSE MANAGER | 1 | GRADE GS05 |
| (37) C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III | 2 | GRADE GS04 |
| (38) A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST | 1 | GRADE GS04 |
| (39) S044C FOOD PREPARATION MANAGER | 1 | GRADE GS04 |
| (40) S046C MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN | 5 | GRADE GS04 |
| (41) C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II | 1 | GRADE GS03 |

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| (42) | L082C CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT | 153 | GRADE GS03 |
| (43) | S056C FOOD PREPARATION SUPERVISOR | 2 | GRADE GS03 |
| (44) | V027C INVENTORY CONTROL TECHNICIAN | 1 | GRADE GS03 |
| (45) | C087C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST I | 1 | GRADE GS02 |
| (46) | S085C FOOD PREPARATION SPECIALIST | 8 | GRADE GS02 |
| (47) | S060C HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR | 3 | GRADE GS02 |
| (48) | M076C RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER II | 2 | GRADE GS02 |
| (49) | M082C RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER I | <u>1</u> | GRADE GS01 |
| | MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES | 290 | |

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, 2020, the following:

| ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
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| <u>NO.</u> | <u>2019-2020</u> |
| (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$1,208,852 |
| (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 394,198 |
| (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 220,500 |
| (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 33,000 |
| (C) PROF. FEES | 0 |
| (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 53,000 |
| (E) DATA PROC. | 0 |
| (04) AID TO COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICES | <u>283,500</u> |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$2,193,050</u></u> |

SECTION 3. EXTRA HELP - VETERANS' HOMES. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Homes for the 2019-2020 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: thirty (30) 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' HOMES. 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' Homes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the following:

| ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| <u>NO.</u> | <u>2019-2020</u> |
| (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$9,857,440 |
| (02) EXTRA HELP | 80,000 |
| (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 3,678,044 |
| (04) OVERTIME | 539,900 |
| (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 6,248,000 |
| (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 16,000 |
| (C) PROF. FEES | 1,000,000 |
| (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 687,000 |
| (E) DATA PROC. | 0 |
| (06) <i>SPECIAL MAINTENANCE</i> | <u>750,000</u> |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u>\$22,856,384</u> |

SECTION 5. 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, 2020, the following:

| ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| <u>NO.</u> | <u>2019-2020</u> |
| (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$170,327 |
| (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 64,066 |
| (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 88,950 |
| (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 0 |
| (C) PROF. FEES | 0 |
| (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 |
| (E) DATA PROC. | <u>0</u> |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$323,343</u></u> |

SECTION 6. EXTRA HELP - VETERANS' CEMETERIES - CASH. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Cemeteries - Cash for the 2019-2020 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: five (5) 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 7. 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 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Cemeteries - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the following:

| ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <u>NO.</u> | <u>2019-2020</u> |
| (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$431,666 |
| (02) EXTRA HELP | 24,000 |
| (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 162,736 |
| (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 141,050 |
| (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 5,000 |
| (C) PROF. FEES | 0 |
| (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 59,000 |
| (E) DATA PROC. | <u>0</u> |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$823,452</u></u> |

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the Military Funeral Honors Fund, for operating expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Military Funeral Honors Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the following:

| ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| <u>NO.</u> | <u>2019-2020</u> |
| (01) MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS EXPENSES | <u>\$16,720</u> |

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - CEMETERY EXPANSION - FEDERAL. 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 and expansion expenses for the North Little Rock Veterans' Cemetery of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Cemetery Expansion - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the following:

| ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
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| <u>NO.</u> | <u>2019-2020</u> |
| (01) CONSTRUCTION AND EXPANSION EXPENSES | <u>\$10,000,000</u> |

SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. USE OF ADVA CONTINGENCY POSITION POOL AND CONTINGENCY APPROPRIATION. In the event additional appropriation becomes necessary that is not authorized or contemplated in State Operations, Veterans' Homes and Veterans' Cemeteries appropriations of this Act and growth in the State Veterans' Home at Fayetteville's resident census and/or growth in the number of interments at the State Veterans' Cemetery at North Little Rock makes it necessary for the Arkansas Department of Veterans' Affairs to request additional positions, regular salaries and personal services matching appropriation in order to carry out the objectives of the Agency, the ADVA Contingency Position Pool and Contingency Appropriation authorized herein may be used for regular salaries and personal services matching line items.

The Arkansas Department of Veterans' Affairs Contingency Appropriation authorized herein shall be funded primarily with cash funds of the State

Veterans' Home at Fayetteville and of the State Veterans' Cemetery at North Little Rock. Each entity's cash funds shall be utilized in support of its own business operations and shall not be co-mingled. In addition, general revenue funding in support of the ADVA Contingency Position Pool shall be limited to \$250,000 per year.

Use of the ADVA Contingency Position Pool and Contingency Appropriation authorized in this Act shall be conditioned upon approval by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and upon certification by the Director of the Arkansas Department of Veterans' Affairs that funds are available to support the contingency positions requested and upon prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

The General Assembly has determined that the Arkansas State Veterans' Home at Fayetteville and the Arkansas State Veterans' Cemetery at North Little Rock may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Arkansas Department of Veterans' Affairs under this Section.

| ITEM NO. | CLASS CODE | TITLE | MAXIMUM NO. OF EMPLOYEES | MAXIMUM ANNUAL SALARY RATE | |
|----------|------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| | | | | 2018-2019 | 2019-2020 |
| (1) | C087C | ADMIN SPECIALIST I | 1 | GRADE | GS02 |
| (2) | S046C | MAINT TECHNICIAN | 1 | GRADE | GS04 |
| (3) | S050C | MAINT SPECIALIST | 1 | GRADE | GS03 |
| (4) | S065C | MAINT ASSISTANT | 3 | GRADE | GS01 |
| (5) | L009C | NURSE MANAGER | 1 | GRADE | MP03 |
| (6) | L019C | REG NURSE COORD | 1 | GRADE | MP02 |
| (7) | D071C | COMP SUPPORT ANALYST | 1 | GRADE | IT03 |
| (8) | L069C | LICENSED PRACT NURSE | 1 | GRADE | GS06 |
| (9) | M065C | RECR ACTIVITY LEADER SVR | 1 | GRADE | GS05 |
| (10) | L082C | CERTIFIED NURSING ASSIST | 9 | GRADE | GS03 |
| (11) | S087C | INSTITUTIONAL SERV ASST | 3 | GRADE | GS01 |

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2018~~ 2019 through June 30, ~~2019~~ 2020.

SECTION 11. 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 12. 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 13. 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, 2019 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, 2019 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, 2019.

/s/ Joint Budget Committee