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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REAPPROPRIATE THE BALANCES OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS’ AFFAIRS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS’ AFFAIRS REAPPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. REAPPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT. 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, for the Department of Veterans’ Affairs the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2011, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (B) Section 1 of Act 221 of 2010, for construction expenses associated with the Arkansas Veterans’ Cemetery at Birdeye, in a sum not to exceed $7,288,662.

SECTION 2. REAPPROPRIATION - MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the Military Funeral Honors Fund, for the Department of Veterans’ Affairs the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2011, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (A) Section 2 of Act 221 of 2010, for costs of providing military funeral honors at veterans’ funerals, in a sum not to exceed $100,000.
SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

(B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this State and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of any funds provided by this act unless specifically provided otherwise by law.

SECTION 4. 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 5. 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 previous General Assemblies have provided appropriations for the projects provided or enumerated in this act; that certain appropriations will expire before the adjournment of the General Assembly; and that if such appropriations expire, the projects and programs authorized herein will cease thereby depriving the
citizens of the State of the benefits to be derived from such projects. 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, 2011.