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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1581

5 By: Joint Budget Committee
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
9 VETERANS' AFFAIRS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS;
10 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS'
14 AFFAIRS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
15 APPROPRIATION.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS. There is hereby
22 appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the
23 Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

24 (A) for construction of a maintenance/storage facility and parking lot
25 at the North Little Rock State Veterans' Home, in a sum not to exceed
26\$450,250.

27 (B) for various maintenance, personal services, operating expenses,
28 renovation, equipping, construction, acquisition, improvement, upgrade and
29 repair of real property and facilities, in a sum not to exceed ...\$5,000,000.

30 (C) for replacement of equipment at the Arkansas State Veterans'
31 Cemetery in Birdeye, Arkansas, in a sum not to exceed\$14,719.
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33 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS - CASH. There is
34 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable
35 from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief
36 Fiscal Officer of the State, the following:



1 (A) for replacement of equipment at the Arkansas State Veterans'
2 Cemetery in Birdeye, Arkansas, in a sum not to exceed\$14,719.

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4 SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
5 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
6 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
7 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
8 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
9 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
10 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
11 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
12 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
13 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
14 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
15 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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24 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
25 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
26 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
27 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
28 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
29 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
30 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
31 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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33 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
34 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
35 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
36 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.

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