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2 89th General Assembly  
3 Fiscal Session, 2014  
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*As Engrossed: S3/5/14*  
**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 119

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

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES  
9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF  
10 VETERANS' AFFAIRS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,  
11 2015; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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14 **Subtitle**

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS'  
16 AFFAIRS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2014-2015  
17 FISCAL YEAR.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the  
23 Department of Veterans' Affairs for the 2014-2015 fiscal year, the following  
24 maximum number of regular employees.  
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26				Maximum Annual
27				Salary Rate
28	Item	Class	Maximum	Fiscal Year
29	No.	Code	No. of	2014-2015
	No.	Code	Employees	
30	(1)	U008U	ADVA DIRECTOR	1 \$98,616
31	(2)	G038C	ADVA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	1 GRADE C126
32	(3)	L008C	NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR	1 GRADE C125
33	(4)	G076C	ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER	1 GRADE C124
34	(5)	L019C	REGISTERED NURSE COORDINATOR	1 GRADE C123
35	(6)	L021C	NURSING HOME ASST ADMIN	1 GRADE C123
36	(7)	L027C	REGISTERED NURSE SUPERVISOR	1 GRADE C122



1	(8)	M009C	LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER	1	GRADE C121
2	(9)	R014C	PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE C121
3	(10)	L032C	REGISTERED NURSE - HOSPITAL	8	GRADE C121
4	(11)	C010C	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE C118
5	(12)	G185C	ADVA PROGRAM COORDINATOR	3	GRADE C117
6	(13)	R025C	HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST	1	GRADE C117
7	(14)	G237C	VETERANS CEMETERY MANAGER	2	GRADE C117
8	(15)	P027C	PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C116
9	(16)	X113C	VETERANS CLAIMS SPECIALIST	9	GRADE C116
10	(17)	C037C	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE C115
11	(18)	A091C	FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	2	GRADE C115
12	(19)	S033C	MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	3	GRADE C115
13	(20)	C028C	MEDICAL RECORDS SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C115
14	(21)	R036C	HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST	2	GRADE C113
15	(22)	L069C	LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE	18	GRADE C113
16	(23)	S046C	MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	4	GRADE C113
17	(24)	T072C	SECURITY OFFICER SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C113
18	(25)	C056C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	4	GRADE C112
19	(26)	M076C	RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER II	2	GRADE C111
20	(27)	T084C	PUBLIC SAFETY SECURITY OFFICER	4	GRADE C110
21	(28)	V025C	WAREHOUSE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C110
22	(29)	C073C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	3	GRADE C109
23	(30)	L082C	CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT	61	GRADE C109
24	(31)	S060C	HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	4	GRADE C109
25	(32)	M082C	RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER I	1	GRADE C109
26	(33)	V027C	INVENTORY CONTROL TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE C108
27	(34)	S084C	INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C104
28	(35)	S087C	INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES ASSISTANT	<u>11</u>	GRADE C103
29			MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	160	

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31 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby  
 32 appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the  
 33 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating  
 34 expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - State Operations for the  
 35 fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, the following:

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1	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
2	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>
3	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,110,783
4	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	404,896
5	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
6	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	101,568
7	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	2,950
8	(C) PROF. FEES	0
9	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
10	(E) DATA PROC.	0
11	(04) AID TO COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE	
12	OFFICES	<u>283,500</u>
13	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,903,697</u>

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15 SECTION 3. EXTRA HELP - VETERANS' HOME - FAYETTEVILLE. There is hereby  
16 authorized, for the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Home -  
17 Fayetteville for the 2014-2015 fiscal year, the following maximum number of  
18 part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from  
19 funds appropriated herein for such purposes: seven (7) temporary or part-  
20 time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in  
21 the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this  
22 act for the appropriate classification.

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24 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' HOME - FAYETTEVILLE. There is  
25 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable  
26 from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief  
27 Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of  
28 the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Home - Fayetteville for the  
29 fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, the following:

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31	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
32	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>
33	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,299,234
34	(02) EXTRA HELP	40,000
35	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,364,530
36	(04) OVERTIME	40,000

1	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
2	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,774,538
3	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,250
4	(C) PROF. FEES	200,000
5	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
6	(E) DATA PROC.	0
7	(06) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>475,000</u>
8	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$7,198,552</u></u>

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10 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' CEMETERIES - STATE. There is  
 11 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable  
 12 from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and  
 13 operating expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans'  
 14 Cemeteries - State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, the following:

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16	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
17	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>
18	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$430,721
19	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	176,355
20	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
21	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	106,150
22	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	3,000
23	(C) PROF. FEES	0
24	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
25	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
26	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$716,226</u></u>

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28 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' CEMETERIES - CASH. There is  
 29 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable  
 30 from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief  
 31 Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of  
 32 the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Cemeteries - Cash for the  
 33 fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, the following:

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35	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
36	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>

1	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$151,000
2	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	53,000
3	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
4	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	135,000
5	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,000
6	(C) PROF. FEES	0
7	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	130,000
8	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
9	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$474,000</u></u>

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11 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS PROGRAM. There is  
 12 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable  
 13 from the Military Funeral Honors Fund, for operating expenses of the  
 14 Department of Veterans' Affairs - Military Funeral Honors Program for the  
 15 fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, the following:

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17	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
18	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>
19	(01) MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS EXPENSES	<u><u>\$100,000</u></u>

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21 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - NLR CEMETERY - FEDERAL. There is hereby  
 22 appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the  
 23 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for  
 24 construction, maintenance and operating expenses of the Department of  
 25 Veterans' Affairs - NLR Cemetery - Federal for the fiscal year ending June  
 26 30, 2015, the following:

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28	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
29	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>
30	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
31	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$408,494
32	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
33	(C) PROF. FEES	41,039
34	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
35	(E) DATA PROC.	0
36	(02) CONSTRUCTION	<u><u>689,529</u></u>

1 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$1,139,062

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3 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' HOME TREASURY - CASH. There is  
 4 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable  
 5 from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief  
 6 Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Department of  
 7 Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Home Treasury - Cash for the fiscal year ending  
 8 June 30, 2015, the following:

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10 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
11 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>
12 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
13 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$483,000
14 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
15 (C) PROF. FEES	0
16 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
17 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
18 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$483,000</u>

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20 SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 21 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRAINING  
 22 CONFERENCES. The funds appropriated herein for Aid to County Veterans'  
 23 Service Offices may also be used by the Department of Veterans' Affairs to  
 24 pay expenses of County Veterans' Service Officers for attending regional or  
 25 statewide training conferences approved by the Department of Veterans'  
 26 Affairs and designed to provide better trained and qualified Veterans'  
 27 Service Officers in the various counties. Any such expenses paid by the  
 28 Department of Veterans' Affairs from funds appropriated herein shall be on  
 29 the same reimbursement basis as the reimbursement of state employees for  
 30 expenses incurred in attending their official business. Provided, no County  
 31 Veterans' Service Officer shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for  
 32 expenses incurred in attending more than two (2) approved conferences per  
 33 year.

34 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2013~~  
 35 2014 through June 30, ~~2014~~ 2015.

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1 SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
2 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
3 LIABILITY INSURANCE APPROPRIATION RESTRICTION. In no event shall the  
4 Department of Veterans' Affairs expend or transfer any appropriation or funds  
5 for the purchase of malpractice liability insurance for the benefit of a non-  
6 governmental entity.

7 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2013~~  
8 2014 through June 30, ~~2014~~ 2015.

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10 SECTION 12. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 20-81-  
11 112(b), concerning the state veterans' cemetery, is amended to read as  
12 follows:

13 (b) The department ~~is authorized to~~ may:

14 (1) employ ~~Employ~~ staff to operate ~~this~~ the cemetery system ~~as~~  
15 ~~it deems appropriate and as may be authorized by biennial appropriation; and~~

16 (2) Charge a fee for each interment of an eligible spouse or  
17 dependent of a veteran not to exceed three hundred dollars (\$300).

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19 SECTION 13. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
20 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
21 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
22 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
23 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
24 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
25 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
26 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
27 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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29 SECTION 14. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
30 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
31 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
32 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
33 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
34 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
35 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
36 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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2       SECTION 15. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
3 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits  
4 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
5 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2014 is essential to the operation of  
6 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
7 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
8 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2014 could work irreparable harm  
9 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
10 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
11 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
12 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2014.

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