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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 31

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

8 AN ACT TO REAPPROPRIATE THE BALANCES OF CAPITAL  
9 IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF  
10 VETERANS' AFFAIRS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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14 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS'  
15 AFFAIRS REAPPROPRIATION.  
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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20 SECTION 1. REAPPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. There is  
21 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable  
22 from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, for  
23 the Department of Veterans' Affairs the following:

24 (A) Effective July 1, 2014, the balance of the appropriation provided  
25 in Item (A) Section 1 of Act 198 of 2013, for purchase and replacement of  
26 equipment for the North Little Rock Cemetery, in a sum not to exceed  
27 .....\$109,510.

28 (B) Effective July 1, 2014, the balance of the appropriation provided  
29 in Item (B) Section 1 of Act 198 of 2013, for construction expenses of an  
30 addition to the Administrative Office Building, in a sum not to exceed  
31 .....\$450,018.

32 (C) Effective July 1, 2014, the balance of the appropriation provided  
33 in Item (A) Section 2 of Act 988 of 2013, for land acquisition, improvements,  
34 construction, maintenance, purchase of equipment and furnishings for a  
35 Veterans' Home, in a sum not to exceed.....\$7,500,000.

36 (D) Effective July 1, 2014, the balance of the appropriation provided



1 in Item (A) Section 1 of Act 867 of 2013, for personal services, operating  
2 expenses, maintenance, construction, renovations, equipment and grants for  
3 veterans services, in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,000,000.  
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5 SECTION 2. REAPPROPRIATION - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to  
6 the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the cash funds as  
7 defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for the Department of Veterans' Affairs  
8 the following:

9 (A) Effective July 1, 2014, the balance of the appropriation provided  
10 in Item (A) Section 2 of Act 198 of 2013, for Evacuation Sleds for the  
11 Fayetteville Veterans' Home, in a sum not to exceed.....\$100,000.

12 (B) Effective July 1, 2014, the balance of the appropriation provided  
13 in Item (A) Section 3 of Act 988 of 2013, for land acquisition, improvements,  
14 construction, maintenance, purchase of equipment and furnishings for a  
15 Veterans' Home, in a sum not to exceed.....\$7,000,000.  
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17 SECTION 3. REAPPROPRIATION - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to  
18 the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the federal funds as  
19 designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for the Department of  
20 Veterans' Affairs the following:

21 (A) Effective July 1, 2014, the balance of the appropriation provided  
22 in Item (A) Section 1 of Act 988 of 2013, for land acquisition, improvements,  
23 construction, maintenance, purchase of equipment and furnishings for a  
24 Veterans' Home, in a sum not to exceed.....\$14,000,000.  
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26 SECTION 4. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor  
27 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
28 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  
29 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and  
30 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and  
31 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or  
32 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State  
33 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects  
34 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds  
35 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General  
36 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall

1 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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 9 SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
 10 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
 11 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
 12 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
 13 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
 14 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
 15 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
 16 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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