

1 State of Arkansas  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 361

5 By: Senator D. Johnson  
6 By: Representative Tucker  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE ARKANSAS  
10 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR CAPITAL  
11 IMPROVEMENT GRANTS FOR COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS FUELING  
12 STATIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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15 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS ECONOMIC  
16 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION - CAPITAL  
17 IMPROVEMENT GRANTS FOR COMPRESSED NATURAL  
18 GAS FUELING STATIONS GENERAL IMPROVEMENT  
19 APPROPRIATION.  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS FUELING STATIONS -  
26 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas  
27 Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the General Improvement  
28 Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

29 (A) for grants to cities, counties, planning and development districts,  
30 and other eligible entities for land acquisition, improvements, construction,  
31 renovation, major maintenance, and purchase of equipment for compressed  
32 natural gas fueling stations, in a sum not to exceed.....\$350,000.  
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34 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
35 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

36 Notwithstanding any other rules, regulations or provision of law to the



1 contrary the appropriations authorized in this Act shall not be restricted by  
 2 requirements that may be applicable to other programs currently administered.  
 3 New rules and regulations may be adopted to carry out the intent of the  
 4 General Assembly regarding the appropriations authorized in this Act.

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

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

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

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

1 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2015 is essential to the operation of  
2 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
3 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
4 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2015 could work irreparable harm  
5 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
6 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
7 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
8 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2015.

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