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AN ACT

To amend chapter 620, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the Missouri Civil War discovery trail fund.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 620, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 620.468, to read as follows:

620.468. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

(1) "Director", the director of the division of tourism;

(2) "Fund", Missouri's Civil War discovery trail fund.

2. There is hereby established a special trust fund to be known as "Missouri's Civil War Discover Trail Fund". Moneys in the fund shall consist of any grant, gift, or contribution from any and all public and private sources whatsoever that is designated for such purpose, including funds appropriated from the general revenue fund. The provisions of section 33.080, RSMo, requiring the transfer of unexpended balances to the general revenue fund at the end of each biennium shall not apply to the moneys in the Missouri Civil War discovery trail fund; except that, if at the end of any biennium the fund balance exceeds one and one-half times the amount expended pursuant to appropriations from the fund in the previous fiscal year, the amount of such excess shall be transferred to the general revenue fund. The director shall have administrative control of the fund at the direction of the tourism commission as provided under subsection 3 of this section, and all moneys in the fund shall be used exclusively for the purpose of reimbursing the cost of highway information signage, as approved and authorized by the Missouri department of transportation, designating the route of driving trails featuring sites associated with the Civil War in Missouri. The state treasurer shall invest moneys of

23 the fund which are not needed to meet current obligations in the same
24 manner as other state funds may be invested by him or her. All yield,
25 interest, income, increment, and gain received from the investment of
26 moneys of the fund shall be credited to the fund. If the fund is ever
27 abolished, all moneys in the fund on the effective date of its abolition
28 shall by appropriation be transferred to the general revenue fund of
29 the state.

30 3. The tourism commission or the tourism commission's designee
31 shall:

32 (1) Receive and accept grants, gifts, and contributions from any
33 and all public and private sources whatsoever, including funds
34 appropriated from the general revenue fund of the state, to be
35 deposited in the fund;

36 (2) Use the money in the fund for the purpose of funding a
37 contract or contracts with a qualified non-profit corporation or
38 corporations engaged in the preservation of Civil War historic sites, if
39 the corporation or corporations have obtained the approval from
40 Missouri department of transportation for the design and placement of
41 highway information signage for any route of not less than fifty miles,
42 or the extension of any existing route, consistent with the regulations
43 and policies of the Missouri department of transportation for the
44 marking of historic transportation routes;

45 (3) Disburse funds to the qualified non-profit corporation or
46 corporations only upon assurance in form satisfactory to the
47 commission or its designee that such disbursed funds shall be remitted
48 to the Missouri department of transportation according to an
49 enforceable agreement specifying the price charged by the Missouri
50 department of transportation, as same may be negotiated by the
51 qualified non-profit corporation or corporations;

52 (4) The funds when so disbursed under this section and paid to
53 the Missouri department of transportation shall be considered
54 expenditures by the qualified non-profit corporation or corporations,
55 for purposes of any grant program administered by the Missouri
56 department of transportation applicable to the funding of
57 transportation enhancements or scenic byways.

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