

**FOURTH LEGISLATURE
OF THE
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES
2nd Regular Session
Concho Tribal Complex, Concho, Oklahoma
February 11, 2011**

BILL NO:

DATE INTRODUCED: **January 11, 2012**

SPONSOR: **Patrick Spottedwolf, A3 District**

CO-SPONSOR: **Bruce Whiteman, C1 District**

TITLE: **FY 2012 CASINO APPROPRIATIONS ACT**

SUBJECT: **This Bill enacts, authorizes, and approves a FY 2012 Budget and Appropriations for the Casinos.**

WHEREAS, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are a federally recognized Indian tribe, organized under a Constitution approved by Tribal membership on April 4, 2006 and approved by the Secretary of Interior; and,

WHEREAS, Article VI, §§ 5(a) and (c) of the Constitution provides that “Legislative power shall be vested in the Legislature” and “[t]he Legislature shall have the power to make laws and resolutions in accordance with the Constitution which are necessary and proper for the good of the Tribes ...Laws and resolutions which have been enacted shall remain valid until amended or repealed[;]” and,

WHEREAS, Article VI, § 5(d) of the Constitution provides that,

The Legislature shall enact an annual budget by law which shall include an appropriation of operating funds for the Tribal Council, the Executive Branch, and the Judicial Branch. The annual budget shall include all revenue and funds controlled by the Tribes including gaming revenue, and all revenue and funds received by the Tribes from any and all sources. The Legislature shall conduct one semi-annual budget assessment and shall have the authority to make appropriate modifications by law. The Tribes shall operate on a fiscal year of January 1st to December 31st. The Legislature shall have the power to raise revenue and appropriate funds for expenditure. Every funding item in the annual budget must have been previously authorized by law. No monies shall be drawn from the Treasury except by signature of

the Governor and except upon authorization and appropriation by law.

WHEREAS, the Casinos's budget and appropriations for the fiscal years 2008 through 2011 was approved at a funding level of \$31,606,639.

NOW THEREFORE, the Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes hereby enacts the following FY 2012 CASINOS APPROPRIATIONS ACT:

An Act

To provide an appropriation to the Casinos of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes for Fiscal Year 2012; to declare and establish an effective date.

Be it enacted by the 4th Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes:

SECTION 1. Short Title

This Act may be cited as the "FY 2012 Casinos Appropriations Act."

SECTION 2. Findings; Purpose

- (a) The Legislature is mandated by the Constitution of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to enact an annual budget by law which shall include an appropriation of operating funds for the Casinos. Const. Art. VI § 5(d).
- (b) The purpose of this Act is to fulfill the requirements of the Constitution regarding the annual expenditure of funds for entities, divisions, departments, offices, committees, boards, task forces, and other authorities or arms of tribal government.
- (c) All spending associated with this appropriation shall be subject to Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal laws, rules, and regulations regarding the same.

SECTION 3. Definitions

The definitions established by the "Cheyenne and Arapaho Budget and Appropriations Act" shall be applicable to this general appropriations act.

SECTION 4. Finding of Necessity

For the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2012, and ending December 31, 2012, there is appropriated a sum of \$31,606,639 to be generated by the Casinos. These funds are appropriated to carry out the responsibilities and duties of the Casinos in accordance with authorizing legislation as follows:

SECTION 5. Fiscal Year Limitations; Lapse Date

The appropriations made by this Act shall be subject to budgetary limitations and fiscal year limitations and may be encumbered through December 31, 2012. All funds appropriated that have not been expended at the end of the term shall lapse and be unencumbered for future appropriations.

SECTION 6. Effective Date

This bill shall be effective thirty (30) days after signature by the Governor or thirty (30) days after a valid veto override by the Legislature.

Speaker of the Legislature or
Chairman of the 2nd Regular Session
4th Legislature Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes