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91st General Assembly  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 104

By: Joint Budget Committee

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES  
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE GAME  
AND FISH COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE  
30, 2018; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE GAME AND  
FISH COMMISSION APPROPRIATION FOR THE  
2017-2018 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the  
Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the  
following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2017-2018
(1)	Q249U	AGFC DIRECTOR	1	\$132,729
(2)	Q250U	AGFC CHIEF OF STAFF	1	\$108,065
(3)	Q251U	AGFC ASSISTANT DEPUTY DIRECTOR	3	\$106,919
(4)	Q252U	AGFC VETERINARIAN	1	\$102,807
(5)	Q254U	AGFC GENERAL COUNSEL	1	\$98,853
(6)	Q253U	AGFC BIOSTATISTICIAN	1	\$98,853
(7)	Q255U	AGFC CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER	1	\$96,212



(8)	Q257U	AGFC CONSERVATION DIVISION CHIEF	5	\$92,958
(9)	Q256U	AGFC COLONEL	1	\$92,958
(10)	Q258U	AGFC GIS LEAD	1	\$89,796
(11)	Q259U	AGFC FISCAL DIVISION MANAGER	1	\$86,725
(12)	Q266U	AGFC SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR	1	\$83,742
(13)	Q265U	AGFC SENIOR TECHNOLOGY ANALYST	1	\$83,742
(14)	Q264U	AGFC HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATOR	1	\$83,742
(15)	Q263U	AGFC ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	1	\$83,742
(16)	Q262U	AGFC REAL ESTATE AND ENGINEER MGR	1	\$83,742
(17)	Q261U	AGFC MAJOR	3	\$83,742
(18)	Q260U	AGFC CONSERVATION DIV ASST CHIEF	11	\$83,742
(19)	Q271U	AGFC SENIOR GIS ANALYST	1	\$78,038
(20)	Q270U	AGFC CONSERVATION PROGRAM MANAGER	3	\$78,038
(21)	Q269U	AGFC ATTORNEY	2	\$78,038
(22)	Q268U	AGFC ASSISTANT CONTROLLER	1	\$78,038
(23)	Q267U	AGFC CAPTAIN	14	\$78,038
(24)	Q283U	AGFC SENIOR SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	2	\$75,312
(25)	Q282U	AGFC PUBLIC INFORMATION MANAGER	2	\$75,312
(26)	Q281U	AGFC NETWORK SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	\$75,312
(27)	Q280U	AGFC HATCHERY MANAGER	2	\$75,312
(28)	Q279U	AGFC GIS ANALYST	3	\$75,312
(29)	Q278U	AGFC OPERATIONS & FACILITY MANAGER	3	\$75,312
(30)	Q277U	AGFC NATURE CENTER MANAGER	4	\$75,312
(31)	Q276U	AGFC LIEUTENANT	16	\$75,312
(32)	Q275U	AGFC BIOLOGIST SUPERVISOR	25	\$75,312
(33)	Q274U	AGFC BIOLOGIST PROGRAM SPECIALIST	10	\$75,312
(34)	Q273U	AGFC FISCAL SUPPORT MANAGER	1	\$75,312
(35)	Q272U	AGFC HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER	1	\$75,312
(36)	Q284U	AGFC SERGEANT	25	\$72,670
(37)	Q292U	AGFC PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	\$70,108
(38)	Q291U	AGFC GRANTS MANAGER	1	\$70,108
(39)	Q290U	AGFC ASSISTANT HATCHERY MANAGER	5	\$70,108
(40)	Q289U	AGFC LICENSING MANAGER	1	\$70,108
(41)	Q288U	AGFC CORPORAL	126	\$70,108
(42)	Q287U	AGFC BIOLOGIST SPECIALIST	37	\$70,108
(43)	Q286U	AGFC BIOLOGIST - ASST REGIONAL MGR	10	\$70,108

(44)	Q285U	AGFC CONSTRUCTION MANAGER	1	\$70,108
(45)	Q293U	AGFC PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR	2	\$67,626
(46)	Q299U	AGFC WILDLIFE OFFICER 1ST CLASS	1	\$65,221
(47)	Q298U	AGFC PROCUREMENT COORDINATOR	1	\$65,221
(48)	Q297U	AGFC GRANTS COORDINATOR	2	\$65,221
(49)	Q296U	AGFC EDUCATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR	7	\$65,221
(50)	Q295U	AGFC COMPUTER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	\$65,221
(51)	Q294U	AGFC BIOLOGIST	41	\$65,221
(52)	Q309U	AGFC WILDLIFE OFFICER	1	\$62,115
(53)	Q308U	AGFC WEBSITE DEVELOPER	2	\$62,115
(54)	Q307U	AGFC SURVEYOR	2	\$62,115
(55)	Q306U	AGFC REAL ESTATE OFFICER	1	\$62,115
(56)	Q305U	AGFC FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	2	\$62,115
(57)	Q304U	AGFC CENTRAL WAREHOUSE OPER MGR	1	\$62,115
(58)	Q303U	AGFC EXECUTIVE ASST TO THE DIRECTOR	2	\$62,115
(59)	Q302U	AGFC EDUCATION PROGRAM SPECIALIST	28	\$62,115
(60)	Q301U	AGFC ASSISTANT PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	\$62,115
(61)	Q300U	AGFC LICENSING SUPERVISOR	2	\$62,115
(62)	Q316U	AGFC PRODUCTION ARTIST	1	\$59,157
(63)	Q315U	AGFC MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR	2	\$59,157
(64)	Q314U	AGFC LEGAL SERVICES SPECIALIST	1	\$59,157
(65)	Q313U	AGFC HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST	2	\$59,157
(66)	Q312U	AGFC EDITOR	3	\$59,157
(67)	Q311U	AGFC COMPUTER SUPPORT ANALYST	3	\$59,157
(68)	Q310U	AGFC SENIOR TECHNICIAN	16	\$59,157
(69)	Q322U	AGFC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUPERVISOR	1	\$56,340
(70)	Q321U	AGFC SKILLED TRADES SUPERVISOR	1	\$56,340
(71)	Q320U	AGFC CONSTRUCTION INSPECTOR	8	\$56,340
(72)	Q319U	AGFC COMM SYSTEMS SUPERVISOR	1	\$56,340
(73)	Q318U	AGFC REGIONAL OFFICE MANAGER	1	\$56,340
(74)	Q317U	AGFC ACCOUNTANT I	1	\$56,340
(75)	Q337U	AGFC CONSERVATION PROGRAM TECHNICIAN	48	\$53,657
(76)	Q327U	AGFC AUTO/DIESEL MECHANIC SUPERVISOR	1	\$53,657
(77)	Q326U	AGFC SKILLED TRADESMAN	4	\$53,657
(78)	Q325U	AGFC MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	2	\$53,657
(79)	Q324U	AGFC FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	4	\$53,657

(80)	Q323U	AGFC ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	\$53,657
(81)	Q333U	AGFC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST	10	\$51,102
(82)	Q332U	AGFC FOOD PREPARATION MANAGER	1	\$51,102
(83)	Q331U	AGFC FIRING RANGE SPECIALIST	1	\$51,102
(84)	Q330U	AGFC COMMERCIAL GRAPHIC ARTIST	2	\$51,102
(85)	Q329U	AGFC CALIBRATION TECHNICIAN	2	\$51,102
(86)	Q328U	AGFC ADMIN OFFICE COORDINATOR	16	\$51,102
(87)	Q338U	AGFC PHOTOGRAPHER	1	\$48,669
(88)	Q336U	AGFC MULTI-MEDIA SPECIALIST	1	\$48,669
(89)	Q335U	AGFC MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	5	\$48,669
(90)	Q334U	AGFC INVENTORY CONTROL MANAGER	2	\$48,669
(91)	Q340U	AGFC FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	7	\$46,351
(92)	Q339U	AGFC ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	31	\$46,351
(93)	Q342U	AGFC PRINTER	1	\$43,592
(94)	Q341U	AGFC FOOD PREPARATION SUPERVISOR	1	\$43,592
(95)	Q343U	AGFC LICENSING SPECIALIST	8	\$40,991
(96)	Q344U	AGFC ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	1	\$38,538
(97)	Q345U	AGFC MAIL SERVICES SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	\$34,048
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	625	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one hundred eighty-five (185) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission, to be payable from the Game Protection Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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NO.	2017-2018
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$39,586,383
(02) EXTRA HELP	1,187,500
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	11,957,482
(04) OVERTIME	250,000
(05) UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	885,000
(06) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	36,131,187
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	450,535
(C) PROF. FEES	4,309,003
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	11,536,966
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(07) GAME AND FISH GRANTS	5,628,831
(08) CONSTRUCTION	12,000,000
(09) ARKANSAS HUNTERS FEEDING THE HUNGRY	<u>50,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$123,972,887</u></u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - GAS LEASE REVENUES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission, to be payable from the Game Protection Fund, for operating expenses, capital projects, acquisition of land and conservation easements of the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$2,864,685
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	700,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	1,500,000
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$5,064,685</u></u>

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - CONSERVATION PARTNERS PROGRAM GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission, to be payable from the Game Protection Fund, for grants to conservation partners,

or other eligible entities for operating, equipment, and maintenance expenses associated with addressing statewide hunger needs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018
(01) CONSERVATION PARTNERS PROGRAM GRANTS	<u>\$100,000</u>

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - BLACK RIVER SETTLEMENT FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission, to be payable from the Game Protection Fund, for all expenses associated with the mitigation to the hardwood timber destruction in the Wildlife Management Area, inclusive of Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching of the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018
(01) BLACK RIVER WMA RESTORATION EXPENSES	<u>\$13,349,347</u>

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - FERAL HOG ERADICATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission, to be payable from the Game Protection Fund, for personal services, operating expenses and grants for the eradication efforts of feral hogs of the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018
(01) ERADICATION EFFORTS OF FERAL HOGS	<u>\$250,000</u>

SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. HUNTERS FEEDING THE HUNGRY. Arkansas Hunters Feeding the Hungry is designed to share the harvest of an abundant resource with Arkansans who are in need of food, partner with the Game and Fish Commission in order to provide a solution for a healthy, balanced deer herd, provide a much needed free, low fat, high

protein food source to the many feeding agencies and organizations across Arkansas and create a provider purpose for hunters who participate, allowing them to give back and share with others. In order to help sustain the Arkansas Hunters Feeding the Hungry program in Arkansas the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission may establish a check off or other appropriate methods to raise revenue for support of the program. The intent of this Section is to encourage the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission to examine opportunities available to provide support for the Arkansas Hunters Feeding the Hungry program.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~ 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. PAYMENT OF REWARDS. Payment of rewards shall be from the Game Protection Fund from the Commission's Maintenance and General Operation appropriation as herein appropriated in the Operating Expenses line item of the Operations appropriation.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~ 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. EXTRA HELP RESTRICTION. No employee of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission who is employed as extra help may receive an amount to exceed eighty-five percent (85%) of the maximum annual salary for a comparable position as authorized under § 21-5-201 et seq. during any fiscal year, nor shall such an employee be employed for a period of time to exceed one thousand eight hundred (1,800) hours in any single fiscal year.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~ 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER PROVISION. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget

Committee, the Agency is authorized to transfer appropriation from any line item authorized in the Operations appropriation to any other line item authorized in the Operations appropriation and the Agency is authorized to transfer appropriation from any line item authorized in the Gas Lease Revenues appropriation to any other line item authorized in the same section.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~ 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

SECTION 12. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. OVERTIME. The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission is hereby authorized to make overtime payments from such funds and appropriations provided for overtime payments to those wildlife officers or other employees that are currently assigned or may be assigned by the Director of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission or by an appointed designate to Special Law Enforcement Task Forces, Special Operations, and other special programs reimbursable to the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission by federal or local authorities as approved by the Director of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. All such overtime payments shall be processed through the State Accounting System and shall be in addition to the Regular Salaries and benefits accruing to the employee(s). Payment of overtime is the preferred method of implementing the provisions of this section.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~ 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

SECTION 13. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. PAYMENT OF ACCRUED LEAVE. The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission is hereby authorized to pay all accrued and unused annual, holiday, and sick leave to the estate of any wildlife officer who dies in the line of duty. Such payments are subject to budgetary constraints and shall be disbursed after receipt of the official death certificate.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect from July 1, ~~2016~~ 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

SECTION 14. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General

Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

SECTION 15. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2017 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2017 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2017.

**APPROVED: 04/03/2017**