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SENATE BILL 29

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
- STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
ENDING JUNE 30, 2024; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE -
STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION
FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2023-2024
(1)	U047U	ACOM STATE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER	1	GRADE SE03
(2)	U042U	ACOM INSURANCE CHIEF DEPUTY COMM	1	GRADE SE02
(3)	N025N	ACOM INSURANCE DEP COMM INFO SVCS	1	GRADE SE01
(4)	D028N	REGULATORY HEALTH LINK TECH OFFICER	1	GRADE IT10
(5)	D010N	ACOM INSURANCE CHIEF TECH OFFICER	1	GRADE IT08
(6)	D007C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	2	GRADE IT08
(7)	D034C	DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE IT07



(8)	D038C SENIOR SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IT06
(9)	D022C SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	4	GRADE IT06
(10)	D052C SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	4	GRADE IT05
(11)	D044C SYSTEMS ANALYST	1	GRADE IT05
(12)	N014N ACOM INSURANCE DEP COMM FINANCIAL REGS	1	GRADE GS15
(13)	N201N DEPUTY COMM OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION	1	GRADE GS15
(14)	G018N ACOM DIRECTOR RISK MANAGEMENT	1	GRADE GS14
(15)	N140N ACOM INS ASST DEP COMM FINANCE	1	GRADE GS14
(16)	A128C ACOM INSURANCE CLAIMS DIR PUBLIC EMP	1	GRADE GS14
(17)	N190N ACOM INSURANCE GENERAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE GS14
(18)	X002N PROPERTY & CASUALTY MANAGER	1	GRADE GS14
(19)	N073N ACOM INS CHIEF FIN/MKT CONDUCT EXMR	1	GRADE GS13
(20)	A004N CERTIFIED FINANCIAL EXAMINER MANAGER	3	GRADE GS13
(21)	G019C GENERAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE GS13
(22)	G004C MANAGING ATTORNEY	3	GRADE GS13
(23)	G043N RISK MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS13
(24)	A004C CERTIFIED FINANCIAL EXAMINER	12	GRADE GS12
(25)	R013C AGENCY HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER	1	GRADE GS11
(26)	G047C ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	7	GRADE GS11
(27)	P074C ACOM AID PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE GS10
(28)	X009C ACOM INSURANCE DEPT DIR OF SECURITY	1	GRADE GS10
(29)	G259C ACOM INSURANCE PROGRAM MANAGER	2	GRADE GS10
(30)	A044C AUDIT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS10
(31)	X032C ACOM SENIOR SECURITIES EXAMINER	1	GRADE GS09
(32)	G241C HEALTH INFO TECH OPER & TECH OFFICER	1	GRADE GS09
(33)	A042C INSURANCE SENIOR EXAMINER	7	GRADE GS09
(34)	X020C ACOM BURIAL ASSOCIATION BD EXEC SEC	1	GRADE GS08
(35)	X018C ACOM INSURANCE CONSUMER PROTECT MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
(36)	X017C ACOM INSURANCE LICENSING MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
(37)	G304C ACOM WORKERS' COMPENSATION PROG MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
(38)	X192C ASST DIRECTOR FRAUD INVESTIGATION	1	GRADE GS08
(39)	X072C CRIMINAL INSURANCE FRAUD INVESTIGATOR	7	GRADE GS08
(40)	R014C PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
(41)	A041C PROGRAM FISCAL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
(42)	A060C SENIOR AUDITOR	2	GRADE GS08
(43)	G064C SR HLTH INSURANCE INFO PRG MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08

(44)	G106C WCC CLAIMS SPECIALIST	5	GRADE GS08
(45)	A067C ACOM INSURANCE EXAMINER	2	GRADE GS07
(46)	X083C ACOM INSURANCE LIFE & HEALTH COMP OFF	4	GRADE GS07
(47)	X066C ACOM INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX EXAMINER	4	GRADE GS07
(48)	G125C ACOM INSURANCE SPECIAL PROJECTS COORD	1	GRADE GS07
(49)	A081C AUDITOR	1	GRADE GS07
(50)	X080C PROPERTY & CASUALTY COMPLIANCE OFFICER	3	GRADE GS07
(51)	G120C RISK CONSULTANT	9	GRADE GS07
(52)	A080C ACOM FINANCE AUTHORITY SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
(53)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	7	GRADE GS06
(54)	X088C EMBALMERS & FUNERAL DIR INVESTIGATOR	2	GRADE GS06
(55)	R025C HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
(56)	G179C LEGAL SERVICES SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS06
(57)	M066C PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
(58)	G202C VOLUNTEER PROGRAM COORDINATOR	3	GRADE GS06
(59)	C016C ACOM INSURANCE ADMINISTRATIVE COORD	3	GRADE GS05
(60)	R033C BENEFITS ANALYST	1	GRADE GS05
(61)	A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS05
(62)	X123C INSURANCE INVESTIGATOR	9	GRADE GS05
(63)	G201C WCC CLAIMS ANALYST	3	GRADE GS05
(64)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	13	GRADE GS04
(65)	A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	4	GRADE GS04
(66)	R036C HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
(67)	C046C LEGAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	3	GRADE GS04
(68)	X180C ACOM INSURANCE LICENSING TECHNICIAN	7	GRADE GS03
(69)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	10	GRADE GS03
(70)	C087C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST I	1	GRADE GS02
(71)	C084C MAIL SERVICES SPECIALIST	<u>2</u>	GRADE GS02
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	189	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department for the 2023-2024 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: nineteen (19) 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 Department of Commerce, to be payable from the State Insurance Department Trust Fund, for personal services, operating expenses, special maintenance and professional services of the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$8,029,718
(02) EXTRA HELP	140,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,803,841
(04) OVERTIME	27,500
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,250,674
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	188,000
(C) PROF. FEES	161,600
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	150,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	956,000
(07) AHIM EXPENSES	<u>500,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$15,207,333</u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - FUNERAL SERVICES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - Funeral Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$264,828
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	103,126

(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	167,242
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,464
(C) PROF. FEES	2,950
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) LOANS	<u>55,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$598,610</u></u>

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - FRAUD INVESTIGATION UNIT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the State Insurance Department Trust Fund, for personal services of the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - Fraud Investigation Unit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$696,450
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	<u>238,084</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$934,534</u></u>

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - INSURANCE FRAUD INVESTIGATION DIVISION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the State Insurance Department Criminal Investigation Division Trust Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - Insurance Fraud Investigation Division for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$260,661
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	81,367
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	220,635
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	35,000
(C) PROF. FEES	4,000

(D) CAP. OUTLAY	60,000
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$661,663</u></u>

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - PREPAID FUNERAL BENEFITS DIVISION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the State Insurance Department Prepaid Trust Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - Prepaid Funeral Benefits Division for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$266,572
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	96,601
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	36,700
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,000
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	30,000
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$433,873</u></u>

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - PREPAID FUNERAL CONTRACTS RECOVERY PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Prepaid Funeral Contracts Recovery Program Fund, for the expenses and payment of claims by the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - Prepaid Funeral Contracts Recovery Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
(01) EXPENSES AND CLAIMS FOR PREPAID FUNERAL CONTRACTS RECOVERY PROGRAM	<u><u>\$500,000</u></u>

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - REFUNDS OF OVERPAYMENTS. There is hereby

appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Revolving Fund, for payments of miscellaneous tax and fee refunds by the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - Refunds of Overpayments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
(01) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>\$11,000,000</u>

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Insurance Continuing Education Trust Fund, for personal services of the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - Continuing Education Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$25,268
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	<u>5,916</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$31,184</u>

SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - HEALTH INFORMATION COUNSELING. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - Health Information Counseling for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$279,319
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	113,424
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	217,407
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000
(C) PROF. FEES	601,552

(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>35,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,256,702</u></u>

SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - CONSUMER INFORMATION SYSTEM - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - Consumer Information System - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2023-2024</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$28,005
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$28,005</u></u>

SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - PUBLIC EMPLOYEE CLAIMS SECTION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - Public Employee Claims Section for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2023-2024</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,168,948
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	431,054
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	498,631
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	24,300

(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,122,933</u></u>

SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - STATE EMPLOYEE CLAIMS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Workers' Compensation Revolving Fund, for payment of state employee claims by the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - State Employee Claims for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2023-2024</u>
(01) STATE EMPLOYEE CLAIMS	<u><u>\$16,500,000</u></u>

SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE CLAIMS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Revolving Fund, for payment of public school employee claims by the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - Public School Employee Claims for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2023-2024</u>
(01) PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE CLAIMS	<u><u>\$400,000</u></u>

SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - COUNTY EMPLOYEE CLAIMS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Revolving Fund, for payment of county employee claims by the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - County Employee Claims for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2023-2024</u>
(01) COUNTY EMPLOYEE CLAIMS	<u><u>\$200,000</u></u>

SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - CITY EMPLOYEE CLAIMS. There is hereby

appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Revolving Fund, for payment of city employee claims by the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - City Employee Claims for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
(01) CITY EMPLOYEE CLAIMS	<u>\$400,000</u>

SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - GOVERNMENTAL BONDING BOARD. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Fidelity Bond Trust Fund, for operating expenses, refunds, reimbursements, claims, and professional services of the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - Governmental Bonding Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$5,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(02) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	150,000
(03) CLAIMS	2,800,000
(04) PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	<u>50,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$3,005,000</u>

SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS MULTI-AGENCY INSURANCE TRUST FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Arkansas Multi-Agency Insurance Trust Fund, for expenses and payment of claims by the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - Arkansas Multi-Agency Insurance Trust Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
(01) FOR EXPENSES AND CLAIMS FROM AMAIT	
FUND	<u>\$40,000,000</u>

SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - PUBLIC SCHOOL INSURANCE PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Public School Insurance Trust Fund, for expenses and payment of claims by the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - Public School Insurance Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
(01) EXPENSES AND CLAIMS	<u>\$20,000,000</u>

SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - Criminal Background Checks - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$125,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$125,000</u>

SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS HEALTHCARE TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE DATABASE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Arkansas Healthcare Transparency Initiative Fund, for the Arkansas Healthcare Transparency Initiative Database, maintenance and

operations, data collection and management, and data request fulfillment of the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR <u>2023-2024</u>
(01) HEALTHCARE TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE	
DATABASE EXPENSES	<u>\$3,200,000</u>

SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - FIREFIGHTER CANCER RELIEF. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department, to be payable from the Arkansas Firefighter Cancer Relief Network Trust Fund, for relief to firefighters who are diagnosed with cancer and participating in a firefighter cancer relief network for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR <u>2023-2024</u>
(01) FIREFIGHTER CANCER RELIEF	<u>\$250,000</u>

SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - MEDICARE IMPROVEMENTS FOR PATIENTS AND PROVIDERS ACT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - MIPPA for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR <u>2023-2024</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$196,753
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	76,483
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	266,229
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	47,630
(C) PROF. FEES	541,802
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0

(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>105,291</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,234,188</u></u>

SECTION 25. APPROPRIATION - MARKET STABILIZATION GRANT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - State Insurance Department - Market Stabilization Grant for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$81,945
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	41,202
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	72,240
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	3,000
(C) PROF. FEES	277,429
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>25,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$500,816</u></u>

SECTION 26. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER PROVISION. In the event the State Insurance Department is unable to maintain a full roster of examination personnel, and upon approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the resulting unused appropriations in Regular Salaries, Extra Help, and Personal Services Matching may be transferred to the Professional Services special line item for the purpose of contracting with qualified individuals or firms for examination assistance.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~ 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

SECTION 27. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

REFUND TO EXPENDITURE. The proceeds from the reimbursement of travel expenses received by the Arkansas Insurance Department, shall be deposited into the same State Treasury Fund or Fund Account from which the original travel expenditure was incurred as a refund to expenditure to the credit of the appropriation from which the original expenditure was made.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July, 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

SECTION 28. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

SECTION 29. 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 30. 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, 2023 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, 2023 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, 2023.

APPROVED: 3/21/23