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A Bill

SENATE BILL 176

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO TITLE 15 OF
THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING NATURAL RESOURCES AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO TITLE
15 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING
NATURAL RESOURCES AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 15-11-205, concerning the Secretary of the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism, is amended to read as follows:

(d)(1) The department may enter into contracts with department employees for the provision of golf lessons at the department's golf courses if the:

(A) ~~Lessons~~ Golf lessons occur outside of the employee's normal working hours;

(B) Employee is a Class A member or an apprentice of the Professional Golfers' Association of America or the Ladies Professional Golf Association; and

(C) Director of the State Parks Division has approved the contract as being in accordance with department standards and procedures for concession and operating contracts.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 15-11-503(4), concerning definitions under



the Arkansas Tourism Development Act, is amended to read as follows to add clarifying language:

(4) "Eligible company" means any corporation, limited liability company, partnership, registered limited liability partnership, sole proprietorship, business trust, or any other entity that invests:

(A) A minimum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) in a high-unemployment county or one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in any other county for the purpose of constructing, operating, or intending to operate a tourism attraction project, whether owned or leased, within the state that meets the standards promulgated by the director pursuant to § 15-11-504; or

(B) For the purpose of constructing, operating, or intending to operate a tourism attraction project, whether owned or leased, located in a Natural State Initiative Opportunity Zone that meets the standards promulgated under §§ 15-11-504 and 15-11-512:

(i) A minimum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) in a high-unemployment county; or

(ii) ~~Five~~ A minimum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) in any other county;

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 15-11-804(a), concerning selections for the Arkansas Great Places Program, is amended to read as follows to repeal obsolete language and update references:

~~(a)(1)(A) The Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism shall select four (4) eligible organizations for participation in the Arkansas Great Places Program by July 1, 2012.~~

~~(B) An eligible organization selected for participation in the program under subdivision (a)(1)(A) of this section shall participate in the program for a two year period.~~

~~(C) The department shall select an eligible organization under subdivision (a)(1)(A) of this section from each of the four (4) congressional districts.~~

~~(D) Two (2) of the four (4) eligible organizations selected under subdivision (a)(1)(A) of this section shall be located in counties of twenty thousand (20,000) residents or fewer.~~

~~(2)(A) After July 1, 2012, the department~~ The Department of

Parks, Heritage, and Tourism shall select by July 1 of each even-numbered year no more than four (4) eligible organizations for participation in the program Arkansas Great Places Program.

~~(B)(2)~~ An eligible organization selected for participation in the program under subdivision ~~(a)(2)(A)(a)(1)~~ of this section shall participate in the program for a two-year period.

SECTION 4. DO NOT CODIFY. CONSTRUCTION AND LEGISLATIVE INTENT.

It is the intent of the General Assembly that:

(1) The enactment and adoption of this act shall not expressly or impliedly repeal an act passed during the regular session of the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly;

(2) To the extent that a conflict exists between an act of the regular session of the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly and this act:

(A) The act of the regular session of the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly shall be treated as a subsequent act passed by the General Assembly for the purposes of:

(i) Giving the act of the regular session of the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly its full force and effect; and

(ii) Amending or repealing the appropriate parts of the Arkansas Code of 1987; and

(B) Section 1-2-107 shall not apply; and

(3) This act shall make only technical, not substantive, changes to the Arkansas Code of 1987.

APPROVED: 2/25/25