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HOUSE BILL 1125

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 FINANCE
& ADMINISTRATION - REGULATORY DIVISION FOR THE FISCAL
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE &
ADMINISTRATION - REGULATORY DIVISION
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL
YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - REGULATORY DIVISION. There is hereby established for the Department of Finance and Administration - Alcoholic Beverage Control Administration for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual
				Salary Rate Fiscal Year
				2025-2026
(1)	G305C	DFA REGULATORY ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE SE02
(2)	G279C	DFA REG ASST ADMIN - ADMINISTRATION	1	GRADE GS15
(3)	G280C	DFA REG ASST ADMIN - ENFORCEMENT	1	GRADE GS15
(4)	R040C	DFA STATEWIDE PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS13



(5)	G047C ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	5	GRADE GS11
(6)	A007C AUDIT MANAGER	1	GRADE GS11
(7)	G246C DFA REGULATORY BRANCH MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
(8)	X229C DFA REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT AGENT III	3	GRADE GS10
(9)	T108C DFA REGULATORY BRANCH SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS09
(10)	X196C DFA SEN REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT AGENT	8	GRADE GS08
(11)	A060C SENIOR AUDITOR	2	GRADE GS08
(12)	A081C AUDITOR	1	GRADE GS07
(13)	X131C DFA REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT AGENT	29	GRADE GS07
(14)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	4	GRADE GS06
(15)	T061C SENIOR IA	1	GRADE GS06
(16)	E046C TRAINING INSTRUCTOR	1	GRADE GS06
(17)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	3	GRADE GS04
(18)	R036C HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
(19)	C046C LEGAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	4	GRADE GS04
(20)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	<u>2</u>	GRADE GS03
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	71	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - REGULATORY DIVISION. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Finance & Administration - Regulatory Division for the 2025-2026 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: two (2) 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 - REGULATORY DIVISION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Finance and Administration - Regulatory Division for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,870,188

(01.1) EXTRA HELP	7,000
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,033,955
(03) OVERTIME	10,000
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	416,927
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	34,986
(C) PROF. FEES	5,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$4,378,056</u></u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - REGULATORY DIVISION - SALES TO MINORS ENFORCEMENT - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration, 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, operating expenses, and the purchase of promotional items of the Department of Finance and Administration - Regulatory Division - Sales to Minors Enforcement - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$537,932
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	256,094
(03) OVERTIME	5,000
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	332,072
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	1,700
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>5,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,137,798</u></u>

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - REGULATORY DIVISION - TOBACCO INSPECTION PROGRAM - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of

Finance and Administration, 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 Finance and Administration - Regulatory Division - Tobacco Inspection Program - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$310,705
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	128,339
(03) OVERTIME	17,041
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	180,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,000
(C) PROF. FEES	31,242
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$672,327</u></u>

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - REGULATORY DIVISION - CIGARETTE FIRE SAFETY.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration, to be payable from the Cigarette Fire Safety Standard Fund, for personal services and operating expenses to support fire safety and prevention programs of the Department of Finance and Administration - Regulatory Division - Cigarette Fire Safety for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) FIRE SAFETY & PREVENTION	<u><u>\$50,000</u></u>

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - REGULATORY DIVISION - SPIRITUOUS AND VINOUS BEVERAGES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration, to be payable from the Alcoholic Beverage Control Fund, for promotion, education, training, alcohol safety awareness, enforcement activities, equipment and vehicle purchases of the Department of Finance and

Administration - Regulatory Division for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) PROMOTION, EDUCATION, TRAINING, SAFETY AWARENESS ENROLLMENT	<u>\$300,000</u>

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - REGULATORY DIVISION - REVENUE ENFORCEMENT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Regulatory Division - Revenue Enforcement, to be payable from the Arkansas Tobacco Control Revenue Fund, for personal services and operating expenses related to carrying out the purposes authorized in ACA 19-6-831 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$657,044
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	247,728
(03) OVERTIME	5,000
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	127,817
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000
(C) PROF. FEES	500
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	50,000
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,098,089</u>

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - REGULATORY DIVISION - UNTAXED TOBACCO FORFEITURE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Regulatory Division, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operational expenses and expense associated with untaxed tobacco forfeiture authorized in ACA 26-57-247 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM		FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>		<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) UNTAXED TOBACCO FORFEITURE		<u>\$100,000</u>

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - MEDICAL MARIJUANA COMMISSION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration, to be payable from the Medical Marijuana Commission Fund, for refunds and reimbursements related to agency medical marijuana expenses of the Department of Finance and Administration - Alcoholic Beverage Control Administration for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM		FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>		<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS		<u>\$500,000</u>

SECTION 11. REGULAR SALARIES - RACING COMMISSION. There is hereby established for the Department of Finance and Administration - Racing Commission for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item	Class	Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code Title	No. of	Salary Rate
		Employees	Fiscal Year
			<u>2025-2026</u>
(1)	B009N DFA DOG RACING VETERINARIAN	1	GRADE MPO4
(2)	G287C DFA REGULATORY ASST ADMIN - RACING	1	GRADE GS15
(3)	X069C DFA RACING SUPERVISOR	3	GRADE GS09
(2.1)	G047C ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS11
(4)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06
(5)	X142C DFA RACING COMMISSION JUDGE	2	GRADE GS05
(6)	A104C DFA RACING COMMISSION OFFICE AUDITOR	1	GRADE GS04
(7)	B110C VETERINARIAN ASSISTANT	<u>4</u>	GRADE GS03
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	14	

SECTION 12. EXTRA HELP - RACING COMMISSION. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Finance and Administration - Racing

Commission for the 2025-2026 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: thirty-one (31) 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 13. APPROPRIATION - RACING COMMISSION - STATE OPERATIONS.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Finance and Administration - Racing Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$726,390
(02) EXTRA HELP	460,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	313,686
(04) OVERTIME	10,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	290,914
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	7,500
(C) PROF. FEES	50,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,858,490</u></u>

SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - RACING COMMISSION - CASH OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration, 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 Finance and Administration - Racing Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) EXTRA HELP	\$200,000
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	120,409
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	600,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,000
(C) PROF. FEES	50,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) REFUND/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>5,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$980,409</u></u>

SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - RACING COMMISSION - PURSES AND AWARDS FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for transfers to the Department of Finance and Administration - Racing Commission - Purses and Awards Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REFUNDS/INVESTMENTS/TRANSFERS	<u><u>\$25,000,000</u></u>

SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - RACING COMMISSION - COMPULSIVE GAMBLING ADDICTION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for compulsive gambling disorder treatment and educational programs as defined by Amendment 100 to the Arkansas Constitution by the Department of Finance and Administration - Racing Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) GAMBLING ADDICTION TREATMENT & EDUCATION PROGRAMS	<u><u>\$200,000</u></u>

SECTION 17. REGULAR SALARIES – RACING COMMISSION – CASINO GAMING SECTION. There is hereby established for the Department of Finance and Administration – Racing Commission – Casino Gaming Section for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

<i>Item</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Maximum No. of Employees</i>	<i>Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2025-2026</i>
(1)	A006C	DFA REV TAX DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS13
(2)	A033C	TAX AUDITOR SUPERVISOR	3	GRADE GS11
(3)	A054C	TAX AUDITOR II	6	GRADE GS09
(4)	A098C	FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	3	GRADE GS04
(5)	C059C	DFA SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE	<u>27</u>	GRADE GS03
MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES			40	

SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION – RACING COMMISSION – CASINO GAMING SECTION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Finance and Administration – Racing Commission - Casino Gaming Section for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

<i>Item</i>	<i>Fiscal Year</i>
<i>No.</i>	<i>2025-2026</i>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,814,526
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	739,222
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	10,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,000
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$2,567,748</u>

SECTION 19. 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 20. 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 21. 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, 2025 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, 2025 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, 2025.

/s/ Joint Budget Committee

APPROVED: 4/8/25