

ARKANSAS TOBACCO CONTROL BOARD (AGENCY 261)
FISCAL YEAR 2018
AS ENACTED BY ACT 831 OF 2017

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

MISSION

The Arkansas Tobacco Control Board was created by Act 1337 of 1997 to regulate and issue permits and licenses for the sales of cigarettes or tobacco products in Arkansas. Act 1235 of 2015 added the regulation of vapor, alternative nicotine and e-liquid products to the Board's responsibilities. The agency may suspend or revoke permits and licenses but does not collect cigarette and tobacco taxes.

TOTAL APPROPRIATION

The total appropriation for FY2018 is \$2,732,063.

FUNDING SOURCE

Cash, general revenue, a grant from the Arkansas Department of Health, Master Tobacco Settlement monies for the sales to minors checks and enforcement, and special revenue in the form of permit fees.

II) CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS:

SALES TO MINORS ENFORCEMENT - CASH (APPROPRIATION 2EH)

Appropriation provides for the organization, maintenance, operation and merchant education and training with regard to enforcement of the Tobacco Products Tax Act of 1977, the Unfair Cigarette Sale Act and prohibitions of availability to minors. Total appropriation is \$992,630 in FY2018. Funded with cash, changes include the following:

Operating Expenses - increase of \$19,800 for the cost of conducting compliance checks and increased costs to the Department of Information Systems to host a new database.

OPERATIONS (APPROPRIATION 983)

Appropriation is used for the operations of the Board. Funded Total appropriation is \$804,647 in FY2018 which is a continuation of base level, but includes reallocation of appropriation between 3 line items. Funded with general revenue, changes include the following:

Operating Expenses - increase of \$10,000 due to a reallocation from Conference and Travel Expenses line item.

Conference and Travel Expenses - decrease of \$5,000 due to a reallocation to Operating Expenses line item.

Professional Fees - decrease of \$5,000 due to a reallocation to Operating Expenses line item.

All requests are to cover additional enforcement costs brought on by legislation requiring regulation of vapor, alternative nicotine and e-liquid products.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS (Total FY2017 Authorized Positions:31)

Total Positions for FY2018: 31

Total Base Level Positions: 31

Increase/(Decrease) from Base Level: 0

Extra Help Positions FY2018: 0 (Base Level Extra Help: 0)

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE:

***LANGUAGE REVISED* PROMOTIONAL ITEMS** - Language authorizes the Tobacco Control Board to purchase Promotional Items from the *Sales to Minors Enforcement - Cash appropriation* in an amount up to \$5,000 annually, with the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, to meet Arkansas Tobacco Control Merchant Education needs.

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