

**ARKANSAS TOBACCO CONTROL (AGENCY 261) - FISCAL YEARS 2014 & 2015  
EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

**I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES**

**MISSION**

The Arkansas Tobacco Control was created by Act 1337 of 1997 to regulate and issue permits and licenses for the sales of cigarettes or tobacco products in Arkansas. The agency may suspend or revoke permits and licenses but does not collect cigarette and tobacco taxes.

**TOTAL AUTHORIZED**

The Agency's appropriation is \$2,598,487 for Fiscal Year 2014 and \$2,635,361 for Fiscal Year 2015.

**FUNDING SOURCE**

The Agency receives General Revenues and a Grant from the Arkansas Department of Health, Master Tobacco Settlement monies for the sales to minors checks and enforcement.

**II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES/APPROPRIATIONS:**

**Sales to Minors Enforcement** - 851,604 in FY2014 and 852,336 in FY2015 with change levels for the following:

- **Capital Outlay** - \$6,375 each year to cover sales tax for 3 vehicles per year.

**Tobacco Inspection Program** - \$814,488 in FY2014 and \$850,630 in FY2015 with change levels for the following:

- Regular Salaries:\$99,966 per year for position reclassifications
- Personal Services Matching: \$40,445 per year for position reclassifications
- Overtime: \$17,041 per year for costs associated with expanded enforcement efforts required under a new FDA contract.
- Operating Expenses:\$222,137 in FY14 and \$258,279 in FY 2015 to cover the increase in cost associated with new agent slots, facilities, training, ground transportation and data processing.
- Conference and Travel Fees: \$5,000 each year to cover an increased cost of training and professional development.

**Operations** - total appropriation of \$882,395 per year funded with General Revenue including a reclassification of Administrative Specialist III (Grade C112) to Administrative Analyst (Grade C115) with no change in appropriation.

**III) POSITIONS:**

Total Authorized for FY2015: 31
Total Authorized for FY2014: 31
Total Authorized for FY2013: 28
Increase/(Decrease): 3

<b>IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE:</b> None
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