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Act 176 of the Fiscal Session

1 GState of Arkansas *As Engrossed: S2/22/22 S3/1/22*
2 93rd General Assembly **A Bill**
3 Fiscal Session, 2022

SENATE BILL 38

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5 By: Joint Budget Committee

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7 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
10 AGRICULTURE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023;
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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13 **Subtitle**

14 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
15 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2022-2023 FISCAL
16 YEAR.

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

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21 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby
22 established for the Department of Agriculture for the 2022-2023 fiscal year,
23 the following maximum number of regular employees.

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Item	Class		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
			Employees	Fiscal Year
				2022-2023
29	(1)	SC001 SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE	1	GRADE SE05
30	(2)	U072U DEPUTY SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE	1	GRADE SE02
31	(3)	U057U AGRI LABORATORY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
32	(4)	L104C AGRI LABORATORY COORDINATOR	1	GRADE MP04
33	(5)	D007C INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	1	GRADE IT08
34	(6)	D054C COMPUTER SUPPORT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE IT05
35	(7)	D063C COMPUTER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT05
36	(8)	D061C INFORMATION SYS COORDINATION SPEC	1	GRADE IT05



1	(9)	D057C INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGER	1	GRADE IT05
2	(10)	D052C SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IT05
3	(11)	D056C SYSTEMS COORDINATION ANALYST	1	GRADE IT05
4	(12)	A010C AGENCY CONTROLLER II	1	GRADE GS13
5	(13)	B006C AGRI CONSERVATION DIVISION MGR	1	GRADE GS13
6	(14)	A010N AGRICULTURE CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE GS13
7	(15)	N001C DEPUTY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	1	GRADE GS13
8	(16)	G004C MANAGING ATTORNEY	2	GRADE GS13
9	(17)	B002C AGRI DIRECTOR OF MARKETING	1	GRADE GS12
10	(18)	R006C HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS12
11	(19)	A027C ACCOUNTING OPERATIONS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS11
12	(20)	B010C AGRI DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS11
13	(21)	G047C ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS11
14	(22)	G076C ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
15	(23)	T110C AGRI LAW ENFORCEMENT CHIEF	1	GRADE GS10
16	(24)	B144C FARM SCHOOL COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS10
17	(25)	A050C AGENCY FISCAL MANAGER	2	GRADE GS09
18	(26)	G109C GRANTS MANAGER	2	GRADE GS09
19	(27)	P004C PUBLIC INFORMATION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
20	(28)	A082C ACCOUNTANT II	1	GRADE GS08
21	(29)	B049C AGRI PROGRAM MANAGER	4	GRADE GS08
22	(30)	G126C FINANCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
23	(31)	B058C STAFF FORESTER	1	GRADE GS08
24	(32)	A089C ACCOUNTANT I	1	GRADE GS07
25	(33)	X109C AGRI INVESTIGATOR	2	GRADE GS07
26	(34)	R024C ASSISTANT PERSONNEL MANAGER	2	GRADE GS07
27	(35)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS07
28	(36)	G147C GRANTS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
29	(37)	A073C PROGRAM/FIELD AUDITOR SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS07
30	(38)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06
31	(39)	P049C GRAPHIC ARTIST	1	GRADE GS06
32	(40)	G179C LEGAL SERVICES SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
33	(41)	P027C PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
34	(42)	V014C BUYER	4	GRADE GS05
35	(43)	A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	3	GRADE GS05
36	(44)	R032C HUMAN RESOURCES PROGRAM REP	1	GRADE GS05

1	(45) C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	1	GRADE GS04
2	(46) A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<u>2</u>	GRADE GS04
3	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	61	

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5 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - SHARED SERVICES PAYING ACCOUNT. There is
 6 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
 7 paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 8 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture -
 9 Shared Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

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11	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
13	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,553,581
14	(02) EXTRA HELP	21,900
15	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,152,569
16	(04) UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	140,000
17	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
18	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,712,067
19	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	33,500
20	(C) PROF. FEES	904,500
21	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	200,000
22	(E) DATA PROC.	0
23	(06) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>60,000</u>
24	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$8,778,117</u></u>

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26 SECTION 3. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
 27 for the Department of Agriculture for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the
 28 following maximum number of regular employees.

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30		Maximum Annual
31		Salary Rate
32	Item Class	Fiscal Year
33	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
34	(1) U048U LIVESTOCK & POULTRY DIVISION MGR	1 GRADE SE01
35	(2) U044U PLANT INDUSTRY DIVISION DIRECTOR	1 GRADE SE01
36	(3) U003U STATE FORESTER	1 GRADE SE01

1	(4)	B004N STATE VETERINARIAN	1	GRADE MP05
2	(5)	L106C VETERINARY SPECIALIST	6	GRADE MP04
3	(6)	N058N AGRI DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ARLPC	1	GRADE GS13
4	(7)	B001C DEPUTY STATE FORESTER	1	GRADE GS13
5	(8)	G036N AGRI PLANT BOARD ASST DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS12
6	(9)	B010C AGRI DIVISION MANAGER	6	GRADE GS11
7	(10)	B014C ASST STATE FORESTER	2	GRADE GS11
8	(11)	B022C DISTRICT FORESTER	8	GRADE GS10
9	(12)	X217C NATIONAL POULTRY IMPROVEMENT PLAN COORD	1	GRADE GS10
10	(13)	B136C AGRI LAB QUALITY MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
11	(14)	S005C AVIATION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
12	(15)	B037C CHEMIST SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS09
13	(16)	B034C MICROBIOLOGIST SUPERVISOR	5	GRADE GS09
14	(17)	B038C STATE FOREST MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
15	(18)	B049C AGRI PROGRAM MANAGER	21	GRADE GS08
16	(19)	X148C AIRCRAFT PILOT	4	GRADE GS08
17	(20)	B067C ARCHAEOLOGIST	3	GRADE GS08
18	(21)	B127C SENIOR MICROBIOLOGIST	1	GRADE GS08
19	(22)	B058C STAFF FORESTER	5	GRADE GS08
20	(23)	A089C ACCOUNTANT I	1	GRADE GS07
21	(24)	C015C AGRI ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS07
22	(25)	X058C AGRI COMMODITY AREA SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS07
23	(26)	X111C AGRI INSPECTOR SUPERVISOR	4	GRADE GS07
24	(27)	X109C AGRI INVESTIGATOR	1	GRADE GS07
25	(28)	B072C AGRI PROGRAM COORDINATOR	8	GRADE GS07
26	(29)	B081C CHEMIST	14	GRADE GS07
27	(30)	B080C FORESTER	38	GRADE GS07
28	(31)	B077C MICROBIOLOGIST	11	GRADE GS07
29	(32)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	4	GRADE GS06
30	(33)	X146C AGRI INSPECTOR III	34	GRADE GS06
31	(34)	B147C AGRI PROGRAM SPECIALIST	3	GRADE GS06
32	(35)	D076C COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS06
33	(36)	B088C COUNTY FOREST RANGER	61	GRADE GS06
34	(37)	B078C METROLOGIST	2	GRADE GS06
35	(38)	A084C PROGRAM/FIELD AUDIT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS06
36	(39)	P027C PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06

1	(40)	E046C TRAINING INSTRUCTOR	1	GRADE GS06
2	(41)	X157C AGRI INSPECTOR II	101	GRADE GS05
3	(42)	X097C AGRI SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS05
4	(43)	S036C AUTO/DIESEL MECHANIC SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS05
5	(44)	V014C BUYER	2	GRADE GS05
6	(45)	B098C FOREST RANGER II	113	GRADE GS05
7	(46)	C054C LOCAL OFFICE ADMIN SPECIALIST	10	GRADE GS05
8	(47)	D081C TELECOMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST	8	GRADE GS05
9	(48)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	8	GRADE GS04
10	(49)	B096C AGRI SEED ANALYST	6	GRADE GS04
11	(50)	S053C AUTO/DIESEL MECHANIC	4	GRADE GS04
12	(51)	S040C CALIBRATION TECHNICIAN	2	GRADE GS04
13	(52)	B111C LABORATORY TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE GS04
14	(53)	B101C NATURAL RESOURCES PROGRAM TECHNICIAN	4	GRADE GS04
15	(54)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	<u>15</u>	GRADE GS03
16		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	541	

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18 SECTION 4. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department
 19 of Agriculture for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the following maximum number of
 20 part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from
 21 funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one hundred seventy-six (176)
 22 temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed
 23 those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its
 24 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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26 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
 27 to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Department of
 28 Agriculture Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the
 29 Department of Agriculture - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 30 2023, the following:

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32	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
34	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$9,916,216
35	(02) EXTRA HELP	74,131
36	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	3,490,180

1	(04)	OVERTIME	21,571
2	(05)	UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	3,200
3	(06)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
4	(A)	OPER. EXPENSE	1,716,961
5	(B)	CONF. & TRAVEL	33,613
6	(C)	PROF. FEES	33,500
7	(D)	CAP. OUTLAY	0
8	(E)	DATA PROC.	0
9	(07)	PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES	6,148
10	(08)	BOLL WEEVIL PROGRAM	<u>5,000</u>
11		TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$15,300,520</u>

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13 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - ANIMAL DISEASE
 14 CONTROL AND ERADICATION PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the
 15 Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Livestock and Poultry
 16 Commission Disease and Pest Control Fund, for personal services and operating
 17 expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Livestock and Poultry Commission
 18 - Animal Disease Control and Eradication Program for the fiscal year ending
 19 June 30, 2023, the following:

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21	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
22	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
23	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$554,459
24	(02) EXTRA HELP	55,000
25	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	218,292
26	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
27	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	163,846
28	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
29	(C) PROF. FEES	0
30	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	120,000
31	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
32	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,111,597</u>

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34 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - EGG GRADING PROGRAM.
 35 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable
 36 from the Poultry and Egg Grading Fund, for personal services and operating

1 expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Livestock and Poultry Commission
 2 - Egg Grading Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the
 3 following:

5 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
6 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
7 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,377,781
8 (02) EXTRA HELP	67,500
9 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	600,176
10 (04) OVERTIME	300,000
11 (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
12 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	202,971
13 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	18,350
14 (C) PROF. FEES	0
15 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	100,000
16 (E) DATA PROC.	0
17 (06) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	887,968
18 (07) EGG PROMOTION EXPENSE	<u>64,500</u>
19 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$3,619,246</u>

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21 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - AGRI LABORATORY TESTING. There is hereby
 22 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
 23 Livestock and Poultry Special Revenue Fund, for personal services and
 24 operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Agri Laboratory Testing
 25 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

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27 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
29 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$132,546
30 (02) EXTRA HELP	34,500
31 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	51,659
32 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
33 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,575,245
34 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	25,000
35 (C) PROF. FEES	0
36 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	310,000

1	(E) DATA PROC.	0
2	(05) NAHLN ENHANCEMENT PROJECT	<u>71,500</u>
3	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,200,450</u></u>

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5 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - EQUINE INFECTIOUS
 6 ANEMIA. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to
 7 be payable from the Livestock and Poultry Equine Infectious Anemia Control
 8 Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of
 9 Agriculture - Livestock and Poultry Commission - Equine Infectious Anemia for
 10 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

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12	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
13	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
14	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$76,551
15	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	29,560
16	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
17	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	183,046
18	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
19	(C) PROF. FEES	0
20	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	100,000
21	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
22	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$389,157</u></u>

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24 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - ANIMAL HEALTH.
 25 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable
 26 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
 27 State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of
 28 Agriculture - Livestock and Poultry Commission - Animal Health for the fiscal
 29 year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

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31	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
32	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
33	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$385,673
34	(02) EXTRA HELP	8,311
35	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	146,901
36	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	

1	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	118,111
2	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,350
3	(C) PROF. FEES	0
4	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
5	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
6	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$664,346</u></u>

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8 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - ADMINISTRATION/PEST CONTROL.

9 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable
10 from the Plant Board Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of
11 the Department of Agriculture - State Plant Board - Administration/Pest
12 Control for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

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14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
16	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,223,918
17	(02) EXTRA HELP	700,000
18	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,228,014
19	(04) OVERTIME	200,000
20	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
21	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	852,968
22	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	103,613
23	(C) PROF. FEES	594,510
24	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	885,000
25	(E) DATA PROC.	0
26	(06) PROJECT PLANNING, EDUCATION, AND	
27	OUTREACH GRANTS AND AID	394,140
28	(07) PEST ERADICATION	1,000,000
29	(08) LICENSING & ENFORCEMENT	<u>55,346</u>
30	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$9,237,509</u></u>

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32 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - PUBLIC GRAIN WAREHOUSE

33 INSPECTION PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
34 Agriculture, to be payable from the Plant Board Fund, for personal services
35 and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - State Plant Board -
36 Public Grain Warehouse Inspection Program for the fiscal year ending June 30,

1 2023, the following:

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3 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
5 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$164,920
6 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	60,421
7 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
8 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	60,614
9 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,613
10 (C) PROF. FEES	1,200
11 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
12 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
13 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$291,768</u></u>

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15 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - PESTICIDE SURVEILLANCE.

16 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable
 17 from the Plant Board Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of
 18 the Department of Agriculture - State Plant Board - Pesticide Surveillance
 19 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

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21 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
22 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
23 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$153,013
24 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	57,619
25 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
26 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	40,783
27 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	6,000
28 (C) PROF. FEES	0
29 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
30 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
31 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$257,415</u></u>

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33 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - APIARY. There is hereby
 34 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Plant
 35 Board Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of
 36 Agriculture - State Plant Board - Apiary for the fiscal year ending June 30,

1 2023, the following:

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3	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
5	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$112,555
6	(02) EXTRA HELP	10,000
7	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	39,874
8	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
9	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	42,170
10	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
11	(C) PROF. FEES	0
12	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
13	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
14	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$204,599</u></u>

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16 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - AGRI PRODUCT MARKETING PROGRAM. There is
 17 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
 18 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 19 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture -
 20 Agri Product Marketing Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the
 21 following:

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23	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
24	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
25	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$209,460
26	(02) EXTRA HELP	20,000
27	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	79,500
28	(04) OVERTIME	13,000
29	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
30	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	187,210
31	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	93,210
32	(C) PROF. FEES	50,000
33	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
34	(E) DATA PROC.	0
35	(06) PRODUCT MARKETING GRANTS & AID	739,059
36	(07) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	5,000

1	(08) FERAL HOG HANDBOOK	<u>35,000</u>
2	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,431,439</u></u>

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 4 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - REFUNDS/TRANSFERS. There is
 5 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from
 6 cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for operating expenses,
 7 refunds, and transfers to the State Treasury by the Department of Agriculture
 8 - State Plant Board - Refunds/Transfers for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 9 2023, the following:

11	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
13	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
14	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$500
15	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
16	(C) PROF. FEES	0
17	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
18	(E) DATA PROC.	0
19	(02) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>4,515,100</u>
20	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$4,515,600</u></u>

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 22 SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - PESTICIDE/PLANT REGULATORY
 23 PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to
 24 be payable from the Abandoned Agricultural Pesticide and Plant Regulator
 25 Disposal Trust Fund, for operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture
 26 - State Plant Board - Pesticide/Plant Regulatory Program for the fiscal year
 27 ending June 30, 2023, the following:

29	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
31	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
32	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$1,500,000
33	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
34	(C) PROF. FEES	0
35	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
36	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>

1 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$1,500,000

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3 SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - AGRI UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. There
4 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from
5 the Plant Board Fund, for grants for internships and scholarships from civil
6 penalties collected by the Department of Agriculture - Agri University
7 Scholarship Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

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9 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
10 NO.	<u>2022-2023</u>
11 (01) ASU COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE FOR	
12 INTERNSHIPS & SCHOLARSHIPS	\$250,000
13 (02) ATU AGRICULTURE DEPT. FOR INTERNSHIPS	
14 & SCHOLARSHIPS	250,000
15 (03) SAU AGRICULTURE DEPT. FOR INTERNSHIPS	
16 & SCHOLARSHIPS	250,000
17 (04) U OF A-DIV. OF AGRICULTURE FOR	
18 INTERNSHIPS & SCHOLARSHIPS	<u>250,000</u>
19 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,000,000</u>

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21 SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - OPERATIONS. There is hereby
22 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the State
23 Forestry Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department
24 of Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - Operations for the fiscal year
25 ending June 30, 2023, the following:

26

27 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28 NO.	<u>2022-2023</u>
29 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$6,744,633
30 (02) EXTRA HELP	255,855
31 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,514,800
32 (04) OVERTIME	52,400
33 (05) UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	0
34 (06) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
35 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,260,744
36 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	100,000

1	(C) PROF. FEES	280,000
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	1,663,000
3	(E) DATA PROC.	0
4	(07) FORESTRY GRANTS AND AID	269,981
5	(08) DISTRICT OFFICE REPLACEMENT	300,000
6	(09) FOREST ACTION PLAN	70,000
7	(10) FEDERAL INITIATIVE PROGRAM	<u>138,512</u>
8	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$14,649,952</u></u>

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10 SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - RURAL COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION

11 - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture,
 12 to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal
 13 Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses and federal
 14 matching grants to purchase firefighting equipment by the Department of
 15 Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - Rural Community Fire Protection -
 16 Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

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18	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
19	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
20	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$88,613
21	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	31,235
22	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
23	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	364,816
24	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
25	(C) PROF. FEES	30,000
26	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	185,000
27	(E) DATA PROC.	0
28	(04) RURAL COMMUNITY MATCH GRANTS	<u>602,563</u>
29	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,302,227</u></u>

30

31 SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - URBAN FORESTRY SERVICES -

32 FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to
 33 be payable from the State Forestry Fund, for personal services, operating
 34 expenses and urban forestry matching grants of the Department of Agriculture
 35 - State Forestry Commission - Urban Forestry Services - Federal for the
 36 fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

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2	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
3	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
4	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
5	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$67,500
6	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
7	(C) PROF. FEES	50,000
8	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
9	(E) DATA PROC.	0
10	(02) URBAN FORESTRY MATCHING GRANTS AND AID	<u>82,000</u>
11	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$199,500</u></u>

12

13 SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - RURAL FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE
 14 LOANS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be
 15 payable from the Rural Fire Protection Revolving Fund, for loans to
 16 communities for fire protection by the Department of Agriculture - State
 17 Forestry Commission - Rural Fire Protection Services Loans for the fiscal
 18 year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

19

20	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
21	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
22	(01) RURAL FIRE PROTECTION LOANS	<u><u>\$1,200,000</u></u>

23

24 SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - STATE FORESTRY TRUST PROGRAM.
 25 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable
 26 from the State Forestry Trust Fund, for management and operating expenses,
 27 fire control, communications, contracting for assistance, and other services
 28 of the Department of Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - State Forestry
 29 Trust Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

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31	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
32	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
33	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
34	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$200,000
35	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
36	(C) PROF. FEES	100,000

1	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	2,250,000
2	(E) DATA PROC.	0
3	(02) FIRE CONTROL/COMMUNICATE	900,000
4	(03) MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS	<u>300,000</u>
5	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$3,750,000</u>

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7 SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - SOUTHERN PINE BEETLE PREVENTION.

8 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable
 9 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
 10 State, for grants by the Department of Agriculture - State Forestry
 11 Commission - Southern Pine Beetle Prevention for the fiscal year ending June
 12 30, 2023, the following:

13

14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
16	(01) SOUTHERN PINE BEETLE GRANTS AND AID	<u>\$150,000</u>

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18 SECTION 25. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - FOREST LEGACY. There is hereby
 19 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
 20 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 21 operating expenses and grants and aid by the Department of Agriculture -
 22 State Forestry Commission - Forest Legacy for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 23 2023, the following:

24

25	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
26	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
27	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
28	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$6,599
29	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	1,800
30	(C) PROF. FEES	5,000
31	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
32	(E) DATA PROC.	0
33	(02) GRANTS & AID FOR LAND ACQUISITION	<u>137,500</u>
34	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$150,899</u>

35

36 SECTION 26. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - SILVICULTURAL NON-POINT PROGRAM.

1 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable
 2 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
 3 State, for operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - State
 4 Forestry Commission - Silvicultural Non-Point Program for the fiscal year
 5 ending June 30, 2023, the following:

6	7 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
9	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
10	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$36,000
11	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,000
12	(C) PROF. FEES	0
13	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
14	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
15	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$40,000</u></u>

16

17 SECTION 27. APPROPRIATION - AGRICULTURE CASH OPERATING FUND. There is
 18 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
 19 cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal
 20 Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture
 21 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

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23	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
24	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
25	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
26	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$40,000
27	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
28	(C) PROF. FEES	0
29	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
30	(E) DATA PROC.	0
31	(02) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	2,000
32	(03) BUFFALO RIVER WATERSHED GRANTS &	
33	PROJECTS	<u>1,000,000</u>
34	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,042,000</u></u>

35

36 SECTION 28. APPROPRIATION - INDUSTRIAL HEMP RESEARCH PROGRAM. There is

1 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
 2 Arkansas Industrial Hemp Program Fund, for personal services and operating
 3 expenses to administer the Industrial Hemp Research Program of the Department
 4 of Agriculture - State Plant Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023,
 5 the following:

6	7 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
9	(01) INDUSTRIAL HEMP RESEARCH PROGRAM	<u>\$300,000</u>

10

11 SECTION 29. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - FORESTERS REGISTRATION BOARD.

12 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable
 13 from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief
 14 Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of
 15 the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas State Board of Registration for
 16 Foresters for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

17

18	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
19	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
20	(01) EXTRA HELP	\$37,000
21	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,839
22	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
23	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	6,329
24	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
25	(C) PROF. FEES	0
26	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
27	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
28	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$46,168</u>

29

30 SECTION 30. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINING

31 BOARD. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be
 32 payable from the Veterinary Examiners Board Fund, for personal services and
 33 operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - Veterinary Medical
 34 Examining Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

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36	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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1	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
2	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$49,458
3	(02) EXTRA HELP	21,000
4	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	18,122
5	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
6	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	15,996
7	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	281
8	(C) PROF. FEES	6,000
9	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
10	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
11	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$110,857</u></u>

12

13 SECTION 31. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - SOIL CLASSIFIERS REGISTRATION
 14 BOARD. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be
 15 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by
 16 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the
 17 Department of Agriculture - Arkansas State Board of Registration for
 18 Professional Soil Classifiers for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the
 19 following:

20

21	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
22	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
23	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
24	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$1,296
25	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
26	(C) PROF. FEES	0
27	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
28	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
29	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,296</u></u>

30

31 SECTION 32. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - RURAL FIRE PROTECTION PROGRAM.
 32 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable
 33 from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for operating expenses of the
 34 Department of Agriculture - State Forestry Commission - Rural Fire Protection
 35 Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

36

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
(01) RURAL FIRE PROTECTION PROGRAM	<u>\$50,000</u>

4

5 SECTION 33. APPROPRIATION - MEAT INSPECTION PROGRAM. There is hereby
 6 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the State
 7 Meat Inspection Program Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of
 8 the Department of Agriculture - State Meat Inspection Program for the fiscal
 9 year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

10

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
(01) STATE MEAT INSPECTION PROGRAM	<u>\$750,000</u>

14

15 SECTION 34. APPROPRIATION - MEAT INSPECTION PROGRAM - GENERAL REVENUE.
 16 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable
 17 from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and
 18 operating expenses of the Department of Agriculture - State Meat Inspection
 19 Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

20

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$315,156
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	88,243
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	340,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$743,399</u>

32

33 SECTION 35. APPROPRIATION - FERAL HOG ERADICATION. There is hereby
 34 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Feral
 35 Hog Eradication Fund, for expenses associated with the eradication efforts to
 36 eliminate feral hogs by the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year

1 ending June 30, 2023, the following:

2

3 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
5 (01) FERAL HOG ERADICATION	<u>\$3,000,000</u>

6

7 SECTION 36. APPROPRIATION - AGRI FAIR FUNDING PROGRAM. There is hereby

8 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Agri

9 Fair Fund, *for personal services*, fair funding and operating expenses by the

10 Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the

11 following:

12

13 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
15 (01) COUNTY FAIRS	\$580,272
16 (02) FOUR STATES FAIR	30,000
17 (03) ARKANSAS-OKLAHOMA FAIR	30,000
18 (04) ARKANSAS STATE FAIR	84,000
19 (05) PROGRAM OPERATION EXPENSES	105,000
20 (06) <i>GRANTS FOR FAIR EXPENSES</i>	<u>523,000</u>
21 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,352,272</u>

22

23 SECTION 37. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS FORESTERS FOR THE FUTURE

24 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of

25 Agriculture, to be payable from the Arkansas Foresters for the Future

26 Scholarship Fund, *for scholarships of the Department of Agriculture -*

27 *Arkansas Foresters for the Future Scholarship Program for the fiscal year*

28 *ending June 30, 2023, the following:*

29

30 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
32 (01) SCHOLARSHIPS	<u>\$30,000.</u>

33

34 SECTION 38. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

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

36 TRANSFER. On July 1 of each fiscal year, or as soon as is practical, the

1 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may transfer the amount needed for
2 distribution by the Department of Agriculture to fund fairs from the
3 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account to the Agri Fair Fund.

4 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2021~~
5 2022 through June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023.

6
7 SECTION 39. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
8 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SHARED
9 SERVICES. (a)(1) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may create a Shared
10 Services paying accounts on his or her books and on the books of the
11 Treasurer of State and the Auditor of State for the payment of personal
12 services and operating expenses in the Shared Services Paying Account
13 Appropriation by the Department of Agriculture.

14 (2) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall direct the transfer
15 of funds and appropriations to the Shared Services Paying Account
16 appropriation section of this act on the books of the Treasurer of State, the
17 Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

18 (3) The transfer authority provided to the department in
19 subdivision (a)(2) of this section may be used to make transfers only within
20 the department's appropriation act or between other appropriation acts
21 authorized for the department.

22 (4) The provisions of this section shall be in effect from the date of
23 passage through June 30, 2023.

24
25 SECTION 40. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
26 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND
27 TRANSFER. The Deputy Director of the Livestock and Poultry Commission, with
28 prior approval of the Arkansas Legislative Council or the Joint Budget
29 Committee, the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and for the
30 reimbursing of documented expenditures designated by law to be made from the
31 transferred special revenue, may transfer funds among the Livestock and
32 Poultry Equine Infectious Anemia Control Fund, Livestock and Poultry
33 Commission Disease and Pest Control Fund, Livestock and Poultry Special
34 Revenue Fund, Livestock and Poultry Commission Swine Testing Fund, and the
35 Poultry and Egg Grading Fund or from these funds to the Livestock and Poultry
36 Fund Account. The purpose of these transfers shall only be for accurate

1 allocation of incurred costs between the funds. Requests for fund transfer
2 will at least include the total amount to be transferred, to and from which
3 funds, the nature, purpose, and time period of the expenditures being
4 reimbursed, and any other information requested by the Legislative Council or
5 the Joint Budget Committee.

6 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of
7 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year
8 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by
9 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and
10 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by
11 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly
12 has determined that the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock and
13 Poultry Commission may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is
14 provided to the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock and Poultry
15 Commission authorizing broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is
16 both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight
17 by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget
18 Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the
19 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this
20 section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint
21 Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent
22 jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

23 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2021~~
24 2022 through June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023.

25

26 SECTION 41. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
27 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
28 PROVISION - PEST ERADICATION. If the State Plant Board determines that the
29 demands of pest eradication efforts require additional personnel expenses,
30 with the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and approval by
31 the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, appropriations may be
32 transferred from the Pest Eradication Program special line item to the line
33 items for Regular Salaries, Extra Help, Overtime, and Personal Services
34 Matching.

35 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of
36 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year

1 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by
2 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and
3 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by
4 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly
5 has determined that the State Plant Board may operate more efficiently if
6 some flexibility is provided to the State Plant Board authorizing broad
7 powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate
8 that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of
9 the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this
10 section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint
11 Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement
12 of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled
13 unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is
14 void.

15 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2021~~
16 2022 through June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023.

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18 SECTION 42. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
19 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
20 PROVISION. If the State Forestry Commission determines that temporary
21 firefighters, dispatchers, or pilots are required to meet the demands of a
22 wildfire season, and upon approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,
23 appropriations may be transferred from either Extra Help or Professional Fees
24 and Services to the proper character code for the employment of such
25 personnel.

26 If the State Forestry Commission determines that the deployment of air
27 tankers for fighting wildfires requires additional Professional Fees and
28 Services, and upon the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,
29 excess appropriation in Regular Salaries or Personal Services Matching may be
30 transferred to Professional Fees and Services in the Operations and Forestry
31 - Rural Community Fire Protection - Federal appropriation sections.

32 If the State Forestry Commission determines that the most effective way for
33 it to cooperate in the growing and distribution of forest planting stock is
34 by contracting work with private vendors and/or hiring temporary employees
35 for seasonal work, the Commission is hereby authorized, upon approval by the
36 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, to transfer the necessary appropriation

1 authorized for Extra Help and Maintenance and General Operation in the
2 Operations and Forestry - Rural Community Fire Protection - Federal
3 appropriation sections.

4 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2021~~
5 2022 through June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023.

6
7 SECTION 43. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
8 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. REFUND TO
9 EXPENDITURE. The Arkansas Forestry Commission is authorized to charge fees
10 to federal agencies and other states to reimburse the Commission for
11 expenditures made on behalf of these governmental units. These fees shall be
12 deposited into the State Forestry Fund in the State Treasury as a refund to
13 expenditure.

14 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2021~~
15 2022 through June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023.

16
17 SECTION 44. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
18 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
19 PROMOTIONAL ITEMS. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall establish
20 upon request for the Arkansas Agriculture Department a special Promotional
21 Items appropriation to be used in the acquisition of promotional items.
22 When the Arkansas Agriculture Department wishes to transfer from its
23 operating expenses to the promotional items line, the request shall be
24 forwarded by the Arkansas Agriculture Department to the Chief Fiscal Officer
25 of the State for processing and for prior approval by the Arkansas
26 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. Determining the maximum
27 number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and general
28 revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the
29 General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums
30 in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and the general revenue
31 allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the
32 Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that
33 the Arkansas Agriculture Department may operate more efficiently if some
34 flexibility is provided to the Arkansas Agriculture Department authorizing
35 broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and
36 appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior

1 approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by
2 this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or
3 Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the
4 requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee
5 is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire
6 section is void.

7 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2021~~
8 2022 through June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023.

9
10 SECTION 45. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
11 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
12 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
13 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
14 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
15 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
16 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
17 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
18 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

19
20 SECTION 46. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
21 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
22 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
23 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
24 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
25 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
26 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
27 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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29 SECTION 47. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act is effective on and after July 1,
30 2022.

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33 */s/ Joint Budget Committee*

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35 **APPROVED: 3/7/22**