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Report on the Acts of the 2023 Regular Session Requiring New Rulemaking

Act 550

This act amends the law concerning the waiting period certain driver's license applicants are required to wait to complete the driver's examination by eliminating the waiting period an applicant for an original license has to wait after obtaining a valid instruction permit. This Act does contain an emergency clause.

The Driver's License Skill Testing Rules will reflect the change in waiting periods, as well as clean-up work.

These rules are still being perfected and have not been sent to the Governor's office for approval.

Act 113 – Rhino's Law

This act creates a new law that allows the Arkansas State Police to provide reimbursement for food and medical care to a canine retired from the Division in certain circumstances.

New rules have been written and submitted to the Governor's Office for approval. Once that has been received, we will proceed with the promulgation process.

Act 821

This act amends ACA § 23-112-603 to provide Arkansas State Police the ability to fine an applicant or licensee for each violation of that subchapter as an

alternative to being charged a misdemeanor, and to correct certain grammatical errors.

These amended rules have been submitted to the Governor's Office for approval. Once that has been received, we will proceed with the promulgation process.

Act 841

This Act amended the Arkansas Code Annotated to transfer the duties and personnel from State Fire Marshal Enforcement Section of the Arkansas State Police to the Office of Fire Protection Services within the Arkansas Division of Emergency Management.

This Act repeals §§ 12-13-102, 104, 105, 106, 109, 110, 115, 116, 117, 118, and 119. It also repeals Title 20, Chapter 22, Subchapter 2, in addition to adding several sections.

The rules are still in the drafting stage, and are being handled by Marcus Devine, the attorney for ADEM.