

**"FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - RACING DIVISION"**  
**(631) - 2007-09 BIENNIUM**

**I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES**

**MISSION**

The Commission has sole jurisdiction over thoroughbred horse and greyhound dog racing. The Commission is authorized to grant franchises; approve racing dates; issue permits and licenses; hold hearings and take other action as necessary to supervise, regulate and effectively control the sport of racing in the State of Arkansas.

**TOTAL BIENNIAL BUDGET**

The total budget for the Racing Division is \$1,324,664 the first year and \$1,337,121 the second year of the biennium.

**FUNDING SOURCE**

The budget is funded from General Revenue (Miscellaneous Agencies Fund) and cash funds.

**II) CHANGES/APPROPRIATIONS**

The operations appropriation, funded with general revenue for \$1,219,664 the first year and \$1,232,121 the second year of the biennium has an increase of \$140,261 each year which includes:

- a. 11 new positions (10 at Southland dog track, 1 at Oaklawn horse track) - increase of \$544,884 each year in regular salaries and personal services matching.
- b. Discontinuation of 15 extra help positions (decrease of \$377,623 each year).
- c. Decrease in overtime of \$27,000 each year.

**III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS**

Total positions for 2005-2007: 2  
Total positions for 2007-2009: 13  
Increase/ (Decrease): 11.

**IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE**

1. Extra Help - Horse Racing: Authorizes a limited number of employees to work over 1,000 hours per year at specified hourly rates (with no recommendation on the position classifications).
2. Extra Help - Dog Racing: Authorizes a limited number of employees to work over 1,000 hours per year at specified hourly rates.
3. The DFA Director shall set a maximum number of racing passes to be printed and issued annually; the number shall not be less than the number printed in 1990.
4. **New Language** allows conversion of current extra help employees to regular classified position employees.