



**GL #6**

**STATE OF ARKANSAS  
SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS  
GOVERNOR**

March 10, 2026

Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair  
Representative Lane Jean, Co-Chair  
Joint Budget Committee  
Arkansas General Assembly  
State Capitol Building  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request the following amendment to the 2026-2027 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Finance and Administration – Regulatory Division.

Please amend SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION – REGULATORY DIVISION – TOBACCO INSPECTION PROGRAM - FEDERAL as follows:

Item No.		Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	180,000	480,000
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$672,281</u>	<u>\$972,281</u>

The above request is necessary to align the agency's budget with the federal grant award received by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Please amend SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - RACING COMMISSION - CASINO GAMING SECTION as follows and renumber accordingly:

Item No.		Fiscal Year 2026-2027
<u>(XX) OVERTIME</u>		<u>5,000</u>
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	10,000	<u>20,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$2,569,248</u>	<u>\$2,584,248</u>

The above request is necessary to increase overtime and operating expense appropriations to address rising supply costs and to support continuous, 24-hour casino operations. This includes ensuring adequate staffing to verify high-value jackpot payouts and to provide timely response for machine maintenance and repairs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Sarah Huckabee Sanders  
Governor of Arkansas

# Hall of the House of Representatives

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## Amendment Form

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### Subtitle of House Bill 1051

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION - REGULATORY  
DIVISION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

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### Amendment No. \_\_\_ to House Bill 1051

Amend House Bill 1051 as originally introduced:

Page 4, line 13, delete "180,000" and insert "480,000"

AND

Page 4, line 18, delete "      \$672,281" and insert "      \$972,281"

AND

Page 9, immediately following line 24, insert a new line to read as follows:

"(01.1) OVERTIME \$5,000"

AND

Page 9, line 27, delete "10,000" and insert "20,000"

AND

Page 9, line 32, delete "      \$2,569,248" and insert "      \$2,584,248".

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The Amendment was read \_\_\_\_\_

By: Joint Budget Committee  
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Chief Clerk