



**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**ASA HUTCHINSON**  
**GOVERNOR**

February 28, 2017

Senator Larry Teague, 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 amendment to HB1242, the 2017-2018 Annual Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Finance and Administration – Alcoholic Beverage Control – Administration Division.

Please amend SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES – ABC ADMINISTRATION as follows:

Item Class		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No. Code	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
		Employees	Fiscal Year
			2017-2018
(2) G047C	ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	<del>2</del> 3	GRADE C126
(3) C037C	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	<del>1</del> 2	GRADE C115
(4) C046C	LEGAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<del>4</del> 5	GRADE C113
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	<del>11</del> 14	

Please amend SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP – ABC ADMINISTRATION as follows:

There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Finance and Administration - Alcoholic Beverage Control Division for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: ~~one (1)~~ two (2) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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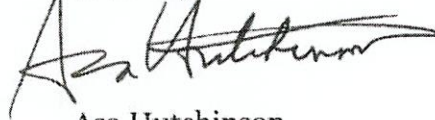
Please amend SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION – ABC ADMINISTRATION - STATE OPERATIONS as follows:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR	
	2017-2018	
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ <del>513,609</del>	\$629,420
(02) EXTRA HELP	<del>3,600</del>	7,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	<del>171,502</del>	<u>222,386</u>
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	<del>89,500</del>	<u>100,000</u>
(C) PROF. FEES	0	<u>50,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$ <del>783,197</del>	\$1,013,792

The passage of Issue 6, Arkansas Medical Marijuana Amendment (AMMA), has created new responsibilities for the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration Alcoholic Beverage Control Administration Division. The Division needs to add per diem cost for the Medical Marijuana Commission, increase administrative staff by three positions and related expenses to administer medical marijuana laws and regulations in a fair and equitable manner.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Asa Hutchinson

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