



**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 SB157, the 2017-2018 Annual Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Finance and Administration – Alcoholic Beverage Control – Enforcement Division.

Please amend SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES as follows:

Item Class		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No. Code	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
		Employees	Fiscal Year
			2017-2018
(2) NEW	DFA ABC ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SUP	4	GRADE GS07
<del>(23)X085C</del>	<del>DFA ABC ENFORCEMENT OFFICER</del>	<del>18 21</del>	<del>GRADE C118</del>
<del>(3) E083C</del>	<del>EDUCATION &amp; INSTRUCTION ANALYST</del>	<del>1</del>	<del>GRADE C118</del>
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	<del>21</del> 27	

Please amend SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION – STATE OPERATIONS as follows:

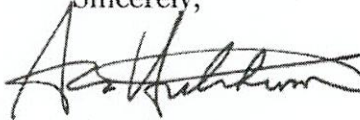
ITEM		FISCAL YEAR
NO.		2017-2018
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ <del>833,161</del>	\$1,125,161
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	343,124	456,526
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	<del>152,200</del>	175,000
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$ <del>1,328,485</del>	\$1,756,687

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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 Enforcement Division. The Division needs to increase its enforcement by six positions and related expenses due to the new responsibility to enforce medical marijuana laws and regulations in a fair and equitable manner.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Asa Hutchinson", written over a horizontal line.

Asa Hutchinson

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