



STATE OF ARKANSAS
SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS
GOVERNOR

March 4, 2025

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 amendments to HB1125, the 2025-2026 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Finance & Administration - Regulatory Division.

Please remove SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - REGULATORY DIVISION - STATE OPERATIONS entirely and renumber accordingly:

~~SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - REGULATORY DIVISION - STATE OPERATIONS:~~
~~There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Finance and Administration - Alcoholic Beverage Control Administration for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:~~

Item No.	Fiscal Year 2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$708,544
(02) EXTRA HELP	7,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	258,466
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	122,009

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(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	9,986
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,106,005</u>

Please amend SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION – REGULATORY DIVISION as follows and renumber accordingly:

Item No.		Fiscal Year 2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	<u>\$2,161,644</u>	<u>\$2,870,188</u>
(XX) EXTRA HELP		<u>7,000</u>
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	775,489	<u>1,033,955</u>
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	<u>294,918</u>	<u>416,927</u>
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	25,000	<u>34,986</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$3,272,051</u>	<u>\$4,378,056</u>

This will help streamline efficiencies for both Alcohol Beverage Control and Arkansas Tobacco Control. It will support the regulation of the manufacture, distribution, and sale of alcoholic beverages and tobacco products, the issuance of permits, the oversight of medical marijuana facilities, and the enforcement of related laws.

Please amend SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION – REGULATORY DIVISION – REVENUE ENFORCEMENT as follows:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	87,817	<u>127,817</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,058,089</u>	<u>\$1,098,089</u>

This request will provide for increasing vehicle outfitting, vehicle maintenance, and safety equipment costs essential to operations.

Please amend SECTION 12. REGULAR SALARIES – RACING COMMISSION as follows and renumber accordingly:

Item	Class	Maximum No. of	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year
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No.	Code Title	Employees	2025-2026
(1)	B009N DFA DOG RACING VETERINARIAN	1	GRADE MP04
(X)	<u>G047C ATTORNEY SPECIALIST</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>GRADE GS11</u>

Please amend SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - RACING COMMISSION - STATE OPERATIONS as follows:

Item No.		Fiscal Year 2025-2026
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$798,983 <u>\$726,390</u>
(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	330,361 <u>313,686</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,947,758</u> <u>\$1,858,490</u>

This request better aligns current personnel needs of the Racing Commission and operations as veterinarians are currently contract workers.

Immediately following SECTION 17, please insert the following sections and renumber accordingly:

SECTION XX. REGULAR SALARIES - RACING COMMISSION - CASINO GAMING SECTION. There is hereby established for the Department of Finance and Administration - Racing Commission - Casino Gaming Section for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2025-2026
(1)	<u>A006C DFA REVENUE TAX DIVISION MANAGER</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>GRADE GS13</u>
(2)	<u>A033C TAX AUDITOR SUPERVISOR</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>GRADE GS11</u>
(3)	<u>A054C TAX AUDITOR II</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>GRADE GS09</u>
(4)	<u>A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>GRADE GS04</u>
(5)	<u>C059C DFA SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>GRADE GS03</u>
	<u>MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES</u>	<u>40</u>	

SECTION XX. APPROPRIATION - RACING COMMISSION - CASINO GAMING SECTION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Finance and Administration - Racing Commission - Casino Gaming Section for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

Item No.	Fiscal Year 2025-2026
<u>(01) REGULAR SALARIES</u>	<u>\$1,814,526</u>
<u>(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING</u>	<u>739,222</u>
<u>(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION</u>	
<u>(A) OPER. EXPENSE</u>	<u>10,000</u>
<u>(B) CONF. & TRAVEL</u>	<u>4,000</u>
<u>(C) PROF. FEES</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>(D) CAP. OUTLAY</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>(E) DATA PROC.</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED</u>	<u>\$2,567,748</u>

This request moves 40 positions from the DFA - Revenue Division to the DFA - Racing Commission to better align the reporting structure and to reflect the shared mission of the Racing Commission and the Casino Gaming Section. A separate Governor's Letter is being submitted for the DFA - Revenue Division reflecting a corresponding reduction in maximum authorized positions and appropriation for the positions transferred to the Racing Commission.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Sarah Huckabee Sanders
Governor of Arkansas

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Subtitle of House Bill 1125

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION - REGULATORY
DIVISION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ____ to House Bill 1125

Amend House Bill 1125 as originally introduced:

Page 2, delete SECTION 3 in its entirety

AND

Page 3, line 20, delete "\$2,161,644" and insert "\$2,870,188"

AND

Page 3, immediately following line 20, insert a new line item to read as follows:

"(01.1) EXTRA HELP 7,000"

AND

Page 3, line 21, delete "775,489" and insert "1,033,955"

AND

Page 3, line 24, delete "294,918" and insert "416,927"

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AND

Page 3, line 25, delete "25,000" and insert "34,986"

AND

Page 3, line 29, delete "\$3,272,051" and insert "\$4,378,056"

AND

Page 6, line 5, delete "87,817" and insert "127,817"

AND

Page 6, line 10, delete "\$1,058,089" and insert "\$1,098,089"

AND

Page 7, delete line 8 in its entirety and insert the following:

"(1) ~~B009N DFA DOG RACING VETERINARIAN~~ ~~1~~ ~~GRADE MP04~~"

AND

Page 7, immediately following line 9 insert a new line item to read as follows:

"(2.1) G047C ATTORNEY SPECIALIST 1 GRADE GS11"

AND

Page 7, line 35, delete "\$798,983" and insert "\$726,390"

AND

Page 8, line 1, delete "330,361" and insert "313,686"

AND

Page 8, line 9, delete "\$1,947,758" and insert "\$1,858,490"

AND

Page 9, immediately following SECTION 17, insert new sections to read as follows:

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SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION – RACING COMMISSION – CASINO GAMING SECTION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Finance and Administration – Racing Commission - Casino Gaming Section for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$2,567,748"</u>

AND

Appropriately renumber all SECTION numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read _____
 By: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE
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