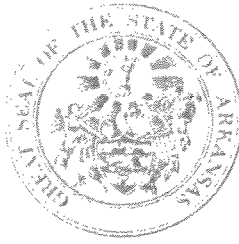


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February 27, 2013

Senator Larry Teague, Chair
Representative Duncan Baird, Chair
Joint Budget Committee
Arkansas General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request the following addition to SB85, the Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Parks and Tourism. Please add the following special language section and renumber accordingly:

SECTION __. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. The Department of Parks & Tourism is hereby authorized to enter into contracts with Department employees for the provision of golf lessons at the Department's golf courses, outside of the employees' normal working hours. Employees shall be Class A members and/or apprentices of the Professional Golfers' Association of America or the Ladies Professional Golf Association. The Director of Arkansas State Parks shall authorize all contracts in accordance with department standards and procedures for concession and operating contracts. Compensation to employees is not retirement eligible.

This language would provide an exemption to the Department of Parks and Tourism to allow their golf professionals to offer private lessons at department-owned golf courses on a fee-for-service basis in order to compete for qualified candidates. This is consistent with standard practices of public and privately owned golf courses in general.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Beebe".

Mike Beebe

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