

# **REPORT ON THE ACTS OF THE 2023 REGULAR SESSION REQUIRING RULEMAKING**

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### INTRODUCTION

Arkansas Code § 25-15-216(b)(4), requires the executive head of any agency to provide written monthly updates on the agency's progress in promulgating any rule it has determined is required by newly enacted laws of the latest session of the General Assembly. This report is the monthly update of the Department of Labor and Licensing.

The report is divided into two sections. The first section is organized alphabetically by each board, commission, or other departmental unit for which required rulemaking has been identified. A short description of each Act is provided, together with the lead sponsor. A status bar for each rulemaking entity is provided and will be updated monthly as rulemaking progresses.

The second section of the report is organized by Act number. Each rulemaking entity required to complete rulemaking under an Act is listed for the reader's convenience.

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## **SECTION 1: Boards, Commissions and Other Departmental Units**

### **Arkansas Manufactured Home Commission**

**Act 391 of 2023.** Act 391 amends Arkansas Code § 20-25-106 to adjust the maximum civil penalty amounts in accordance with the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjust Act to allow the commission to meet the requirements of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development approved state plan and retain federal funding. (Sen. Irvin)

**Status:** The proposed rules are in the process of being drafted and submitted to the Secretary and Governor's office for approval prior to submission to the General Assembly.

### **Arkansas Real Estate Commission**

**Act 31 of 2023.** Act 31 provides that a person employed by an Arkansas licensed residential construction company is exempt from the Real Estate License Law if certain requirements are met, including that the licensed residential construction company employs a principal broker who is responsible for the conduct of any person employed by the licensed residential construction company who is claiming the exemption. (Rep. Vaught; Sen. Hester)

**Status:** The proposed rules are in the process of being drafted and submitted to the Secretary and Governor's office for approval prior to submission to the General Assembly.

### **Arkansas Towing and Recovery Board**

**Act 840 of 2023.** Act 840 requires the Arkansas Towing and Recovery Board to promulgate rules necessary for the towing, recovery, and storage of electric vehicles. (Rep. Wing)

**Status:** The proposed rules have been approved by the Secretary and Governor's Office. The public comment period will expire on October 24, 2023.

### **Auctioneer’s Licensing Board**

**Act 677 of 2023.** Act 677 updates obsolete and outdated provisions of the Auctioneer’s Licensing Act; reduces the grace period for renewing a license from 120 days to 30 days; and provides for the licensing and regulation of in-state online auctions and estate sales by the Auctioneer’s Licensing Board. (Sen. Irvin)

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### **Board of Electrical Examiners of the State of Arkansas**

**Act 318 of 2023.** Act 318 amended the definitions of “residential journeyman electrician” and “residential master electrician,” and added a definition of dwelling to expand the scope of work for residential electricians from two-family to four-family dwellings, not to include a mixed-use building or other structure that requires commercial grade electric conductors or equipment for any part of the building or other structure. (Rep. McGrew)

**Status:** The proposed rules are in the process of being drafted and submitted to the Secretary and Governor’s office for approval prior to submission to the General Assembly.

### **Labor Standards Section, Division of Labor**

**Act. 195 of 2023.** Act 195 repealed Arkansas Code § 11-6-109 concerning child employment certificates. (Rep. Burkes)

**Act 687 of 2023.** Act 687 amended Arkansas Code § 11-6-103 to provide for criminal referrals and investigations and enhance civil penalties for child labor violations and increase the time for pursuing civil penalties from two (2) to three (3) years. (Sen. Penzo)

**Status:** The proposed rules have been approved by the Secretary and Governor’s office. The public comment period expired without comment on September 13, 2023. The Section has requested BLR to place the rules on the October ALC Rules Subcommittee docket.

### **State Board of Appraisers, Abstracters, and Home Inspectors**

**Act 628 of 2023.** Act 628 creates the State Board of Appraisers, Abstracters, and Home Inspectors; transfers the duties of the Arkansas Abstracters Board, the Arkansas Home Inspector Registration Board, and the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board to the State Board of Appraisers, Abstracters, and Home Inspectors; and abolishes the Arkansas Abstracters Board, the Arkansas Home Inspector Registration Board, and the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board. (Sen. Hammer)

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