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The Honorable Kim Hammer, Senate Co-Chairman
The Honorable Brian Evans, House Co-Chairman
Arkansas Legislative Council – Administrative Rules Subcommittee
1 Capitol Mall, 5th Floor
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Senator Hammer and Representative Evans,

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §25-15-216(b)(4), please consider the following Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism update on rulemaking resulting from Acts of 2023.

Act 655 of 2023
Arkansas State Parks Alcoholic Beverage Permit

- Summary of Rule: Provides for the administration of State Parks Alcoholic Beverage Permits created by Act 655 of 2023.
- Status Update: The Alcoholic Beverage Permit rule was approved by the Governor's office on June 2, 2023. The rules were filed with the Bureau of Legislative Research and the Secretary of State's office on August 10, 2022. Notice was published for three consecutive days in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette from August 12 through August 14, 2023. ADPHT held two public hearings to accept public comment on August 17 and August 31, 2023. The rules were also published on the ADPHT website. The public comment period ended September 11, 2023. ADPHT provided a summary of comments received regarding the proposed rule. The comments received did not result in any recommended changes to the rule. In early October, ADPHT requested the new rule, along with a consideration for repeal of two existing rules, be placed on the agenda of ALC- Administrative Rules Subcommittee for November.
- New Rule
The Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism will continue to provide monthly updates on rule making resulting from Acts of 2021. If there are any changes or additional updates identified, the Department will provide further information in these monthly updates submitted to the ALC- Administrative Rules Subcommittee.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shea Lewis", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Shea Lewis
Secretary
Director, Division of Arkansas State Parks