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5 By: Joint Budget Committee
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
10 AND LICENSING - WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION FOR
11 THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND
16 LICENSING - WORKERS' COMPENSATION
17 COMMISSION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-
18 2025 FISCAL YEAR.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the
25 Department of Labor and Licensing - Workers' Compensation Commission for the
26 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.
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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2024-2025
32	(1) U100U	DLL WCC CHAIRMAN	1	GRADE SE03
33	(2) U007U	DLL WCC COMMISSIONER	2	GRADE SE02
34	(3) U046U	DLL WCC CHIEF EXEC OFFICER	1	GRADE SE01
35	(4) L038C	REGISTERED NURSE	1	GRADE MP01
36	(5) D007C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	1	GRADE IT08



1	(6)	D030C INFORMATION SYSTEMS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE IT07
2	(7)	D063C COMPUTER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT05
3	(8)	D052C SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IT05
4	(9)	D062C DATABASE ANALYST	1	GRADE IT04
5	(10)	D071C COMPUTER SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IT03
6	(11)	N070N DLL WCC ASST CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	1	GRADE GS15
7	(12)	G005N DLL WCC CHIEF ADMIN LAW JUDGE	1	GRADE GS15
8	(13)	G010N DLL WCC ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE	13	GRADE GS14
9	(14)	G004C MANAGING ATTORNEY	1	GRADE GS13
10	(15)	G047C ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	6	GRADE GS11
11	(16)	G007C DLL WCC DIVISION MANAGER	7	GRADE GS11
12	(17)	G073C ATTORNEY	5	GRADE GS10
13	(18)	A052C ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS09
14	(19)	A042C INSURANCE SENIOR EXAMINER	2	GRADE GS09
15	(20)	G107C DLL WCC PROGRAM MANAGER	4	GRADE GS08
16	(21)	G093C OPERATIONS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
17	(22)	R024C ASSISTANT PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS07
18	(23)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	2	GRADE GS07
19	(24)	C009C HEARING REPORTER	3	GRADE GS07
20	(25)	G168C INDUSTRIAL CONSULTANT	4	GRADE GS07
21	(26)	G160C DLL WCC PROGRAM COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS06
22	(27)	G193C DLL WCC PROGRAM SPECIALIST	13	GRADE GS06
23	(28)	A074C FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	5	GRADE GS06
24	(29)	G179C LEGAL SERVICES SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS06
25	(30)	C036C ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW ANALYST	1	GRADE GS05
26	(31)	C050C ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS05
27	(32)	X123C INSURANCE INVESTIGATOR	3	GRADE GS05
28	(33)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	10	GRADE GS04
29	(34)	C046C LEGAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	3	GRADE GS04
30	(35)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS03
31		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	105	

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33 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department
 34 of Labor and Licensing - Workers' Compensation Commission for the 2024-2025
 35 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary
 36 employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated

1 herein for such purposes: two (2) temporary or part-time employees, when
2 needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform
3 Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the
4 appropriate classification.

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6 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - WCC ADMINISTRATION. There is hereby
7 appropriated, to the Department of Labor and Licensing, to be payable from
8 the Workers' Compensation Fund, for personal services and operating expenses
9 of the Department of Labor and Licensing - Workers' Compensation Commission -
10 Administration for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

11	12 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
13	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
14	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$6,667,315
15	(02) EXTRA HELP	100,000
16	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,347,533
17	(04) OVERTIME	10,000
18	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
19	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,305,495
20	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	20,000
21	(C) PROF. FEES	241,000
22	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
23	(E) DATA PROC.	0
24	(06) REFUND/REIMBURSEMENTS - ADMIN	500,000
25	(07) COMPUTER SOFTWARE/HARDWARE	<u>243,800</u>
26	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$11,435,143</u>

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28 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - REFUNDS/CLAIMS/INVESTMENTS. There is hereby
29 appropriated, to the Department of Labor and Licensing, to be payable from
30 the Death and Permanent Total Disability Trust Fund, for refund of taxes,
31 payment of death and total disability claims, and investment of funds in the
32 Death and Permanent Total Disability Trust Fund as allowed by the Department
33 of Labor and Licensing - Workers' Compensation Commission for the fiscal year
34 ending June 30, 2025, the following:

35	36 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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1	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
2	(01) REFUND/REIMBURSEMENTS - DEATH AND	
3	TOTAL DISABILITY	\$550,000
4	(02) CLAIMS - DEATH AND TOTAL DISABILITY	<u>21,000,000</u>
5	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$21,550,000</u></u>

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7 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - SECOND INJURY CLAIMS. There is hereby

8 appropriated, to the Department of Labor and Licensing, to be payable from

9 the Second Injury Trust Fund, for payment of second injury claims of the

10 Department of Labor and Licensing - Workers' Compensation Commission - Second

11 Injury Claims for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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13	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
15	(01) CLAIMS - SECOND INJURY	<u><u>\$500,000</u></u>

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17 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - SEMINAR - CASH. There is hereby

18 appropriated, to the Department of Labor and Licensing, to be payable from

19 the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief

20 Fiscal Officer of the State, for scholarships and educational conference

21 expenses of the Department of Labor and Licensing - Workers' Compensation

22 Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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24	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
25	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
26	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
27	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$85,000
28	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
29	(C) PROF. FEES	15,000
30	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
31	(E) DATA PROC.	0
32	(02) SCHOLARSHIPS	<u>40,000</u>
33	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$140,000</u></u>

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35 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION BUILDING.

36 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Labor and Licensing, to be

1 payable from the Workers' Compensation Fund, for maintenance, renovation,
2 equipping, construction, improvement, upgrade and repair projects for the
3 Department of Labor and Licensing - Workers' Compensation Commission Building
4 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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6	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
7	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
8	(01) BUILDING REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	<u>\$150,000</u>
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10 SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
11 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
12 WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION - REFUND TO EXPENDITURE. The proceeds from
13 the reimbursement of travel expenses received by the Arkansas Workers'
14 Compensation Commission shall be deposited into the same State Treasury Fund
15 or Fund Account from which the original travel expenditures was incurred as a
16 refund to expenditure to the credit of the appropriation from which the
17 original expenditure was made.

18 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~
19 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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21 SECTION 9. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
22 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
23 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
24 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
25 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
26 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
27 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
28 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
29 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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31 SECTION 10. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
32 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
33 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
34 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
35 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
36 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or

1 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
2 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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4 SECTION 11. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
5 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
6 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
7 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2024 is essential to the operation of
8 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
9 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
10 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2024 could work irreparable harm
11 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
12 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
13 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
14 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2024.