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Re: Monthly Rules Report for the Department of Finance and Administration

Ms. Miller-Rice:

Please find below the monthly update of the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) of rules required to be promulgated by Acts of the 2025 Regular Session. DFA originally identified nine Acts of 2025 that require rulemaking. Two rules have now been fully promulgated. An explanation of each rule as well as the status of DFA's progress in promulgating the seven remaining required rules is provided below:

Regulatory Division

Act 675 of 2025 – Act 675 amends the Direct Shipment of Vinous Liquor Act and establishes a wine direct shipper license. Section 1 of the Act requires the Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Division to promulgate rules regarding the direct shipment of wine to consumers and allowing for a wine direct shipper license. The Act requires the final rule to be filed with the Secretary of State on or before 180 days following the effective date of the act, *i.e.*, February 1, 2026, or as soon as practicable after approval under § 10-3-309. ABC has prepared a draft of the required amendment to the existing Direct Shipment of Vinous Liquor or Mead to Arkansas Residents rule, 3 CAR § 2-704, and it has been forwarded to the Governor's Office for review.

Act 934 of 2025 – Act 934 provides for the regulation of consumable hemp products by the Arkansas Tobacco Control (ATC) Board; amends Arkansas law to allow the regulation and purchase of consumable hemp products; and establishes a directory for consumable hemp manufacturers. Section 10 of the Act requires the Director of Arkansas Tobacco Control to promulgate new rules for the enforcement of the requirement in § 20-56-510 for the testing of consumable hemp. The rule must include penalties for violation of the rule. ATC has prepared a draft of the required testing rules, and it is being circulated internally within the Regulatory Division but has not yet forwarded the rule to the Governor's Office for review.

Revenue Division

Act 879 of 2025 – Act 879 amends the sales tax exemption for aircraft held for resale and used for rental or charter and clarifies the persons eligible for the sales tax exemption for aircraft held for resale and used for rental or charter. Section 2 of the Act requires DFA to promulgate a rule to prescribe the method of establishing the annual amount of gross lease revenue derived from renting or leasing an aircraft under the exemption. DFA has prepared a draft of an amendment to its existing Sale of Aircraft rule, 26 CAR § 30-705, and the rule has been approved by the Governor's Office.

Assessment Coordination Division

Act 842 of 2025 – Act 842 establishes a method of valuation for real property used for affordable housing and establishes a method of valuation for certain real property under Arkansas Constitution, article 16, § 5. Section 2 of the Act requires the Assessment Coordination Division (ACD) to promulgate rules for the fair and equitable assessment of real property that has government-imposed restrictions in the form of rent limitations, operations requirements, or other restrictions connected to affordable housing programs. ACD has prepared a draft new rule and it is being circulated internally but has not yet forwarded the rule to the Governor's Office for review.

Racing Commission

Act 798 of 2025 – Act 798 amends the law concerning gambling and authorizes the Arkansas Racing Commission (ARC) to maintain a statewide self-exclusion list. Section 1 of the Act requires ARC to promulgate rules to implement a statewide self-exclusion list for casinos. ARC has prepared a draft new rule, and it is being circulated internally within DFA but has not yet been forwarded to the Governor's Office for review.

Chief Fiscal Officer

Act 810 of 2025 – Act 810 amends the law concerning specie or legal tender; authorizes the use of a bullion depository; and allows for a precious metals-backed electronic system. Section 1 of the Act is intended to create a practical method to use gold and silver as legal tender through precious metals-backed electronic payment systems. It requires the Chief Fiscal Officer to promulgate new rules to implement and administer the Act. DFA is preparing a draft rule for circulation within DFA but has not forwarded a rule to the Governor's Office for review.

Office of Intergovernmental Services

Act 1006 of 2025 – Act 1006 makes an appropriation for miscellaneous grants and expenses and various agency transfers for the DFA – Disbursing Officer for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. Section 74 of the Act requires DFA to promulgate a rule to implement the Drug Task Force Fund. The Fund is established to distribute money to drug task forces that meet the standards of the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training, provide an annual accounting of its seizures and arrest to DFA, and meet any other eligibility requirements established by the required rule. The new rule must also establish a process for a drug task force to submit its

eligibility documentation. DFA is preparing a draft rule for circulation within DFA but has not yet forwarded a rule to the Governor's Office for review.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions at: paul.gehring@dfa.arkansas.gov or (501) 371-6029.

Best regards,



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