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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1125

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

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES  
10 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE  
11 & ADMINISTRATION - REGULATORY DIVISION FOR THE FISCAL  
12 YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE &  
16 ADMINISTRATION - REGULATORY DIVISION  
17 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL  
18 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 - REGULATORY DIVISION. There is hereby  
25 established for the Department of Finance and Administration - Alcoholic  
26 Beverage Control Administration for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following  
27 maximum number of regular employees.  
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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2025-2026
33	(1) G305C	DFA REGULATORY ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE SE02
34	(2) G279C	DFA REG ASST ADMIN - ADMINISTRATION	1	GRADE GS15
35	(3) G280C	DFA REG ASST ADMIN - ENFORCEMENT	1	GRADE GS15
36	(4) R040C	DFA STATEWIDE PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS13



1	(5)	G047C ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	5	GRADE GS11
2	(6)	A007C AUDIT MANAGER	1	GRADE GS11
3	(7)	G246C DFA REGULATORY BRANCH MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
4	(8)	X229C DFA REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT AGENT III	3	GRADE GS10
5	(9)	T108C DFA REGULATORY BRANCH SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS09
6	(10)	X196C DFA SEN REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT AGENT	8	GRADE GS08
7	(11)	A060C SENIOR AUDITOR	2	GRADE GS08
8	(12)	A081C AUDITOR	1	GRADE GS07
9	(13)	X131C DFA REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT AGENT	29	GRADE GS07
10	(14)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	4	GRADE GS06
11	(15)	T061C SENIOR IA	1	GRADE GS06
12	(16)	E046C TRAINING INSTRUCTOR	1	GRADE GS06
13	(17)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	3	GRADE GS04
14	(18)	R036C HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
15	(19)	C046C LEGAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	4	GRADE GS04
16	(20)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	<u>2</u>	GRADE GS03
17		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	71	

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19 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - REGULATORY DIVISION. There is hereby  
 20 authorized, for the Department of Finance & Administration - Regulatory  
 21 Division for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-  
 22 time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds  
 23 appropriated herein for such purposes: two (2) temporary or part-time  
 24 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the  
 25 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act  
 26 for the appropriate classification.

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28 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - REGULATORY DIVISION - STATE OPERATIONS.  
 29 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and  
 30 Administration, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account,  
 31 for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Finance and  
 32 Administration - Alcoholic Beverage Control Administration for the fiscal  
 33 year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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35	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
36	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>

1	(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$708,544
2	(02)	EXTRA HELP	7,000
3	(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	258,466
4	(04)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
5	(A)	OPER. EXPENSE	122,009
6	(B)	CONF. & TRAVEL	9,986
7	(C)	PROF. FEES	0
8	(D)	CAP. OUTLAY	0
9	(E)	DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
10		TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,106,005</u></u>

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12 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - REGULATORY DIVISION. There is hereby

13 appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration, to be payable

14 from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and

15 operating expenses of the Department of Finance and Administration -

16 Regulatory Division for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

18	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
19	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
20	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,161,644
21	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	775,489
22	(03) OVERTIME	10,000
23	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
24	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	294,918
25	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	25,000
26	(C) PROF. FEES	5,000
27	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
28	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
29	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,272,051</u></u>

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31 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - REGULATORY DIVISION - SALES TO MINORS

32 ENFORCEMENT - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of

33 Finance and Administration, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the

34 State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for

35 personal services, operating expenses, and the purchase of promotional items

36 of the Department of Finance and Administration - Regulatory Division - Sales

1 to Minors Enforcement - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the  
 2 following:

4 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
5 NO.	2025-2026
6 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$537,932
7 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	256,094
8 (03) OVERTIME	5,000
9 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
10 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	332,072
11 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
12 (C) PROF. FEES	1,700
13 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
14 (E) DATA PROC.	0
15 (05) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>5,000</u>
16 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,137,798</u></u>

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 18 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - REGULATORY DIVISION - TOBACCO INSPECTION  
 19 PROGRAM - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of  
 20 Finance and Administration, to be payable from the federal funds as  
 21 designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services  
 22 and operating expenses of the Department of Finance and Administration -  
 23 Regulatory Division - Tobacco Inspection Program - Federal for the fiscal  
 24 year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

26 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
27 NO.	2025-2026
28 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$310,705
29 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	128,339
30 (03) OVERTIME	17,041
31 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
32 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	180,000
33 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,000
34 (C) PROF. FEES	31,242
35 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
36 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>

1 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$672,327

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3 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - REGULATORY DIVISION - CIGARETTE FIRE SAFETY.

4 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and  
 5 Administration, to be payable from the Cigarette Fire Safety Standard Fund,  
 6 for personal services and operating expenses to support fire safety and  
 7 prevention programs of the Department of Finance and Administration -  
 8 Regulatory Division - Cigarette Fire Safety for the fiscal year ending June  
 9 30, 2026, the following:

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11 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
13 (01) FIRE SAFETY & PREVENTION	<u>\$50,000</u>

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15 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - REGULATORY DIVISION - SPIRITUOUS AND VINOUS

16 BEVERAGES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and  
 17 Administration, to be payable from the Alcoholic Beverage Control Fund, for  
 18 promotion, education, training, alcohol safety awareness, enforcement  
 19 activities, equipment and vehicle purchases of the Department of Finance and  
 20 Administration - Regulatory Division for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
 21 2026, the following:

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23 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
24 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
25 (01) PROMOTION, EDUCATION, TRAINING, SAFETY 26 AWARENESS ENROLLMENT	<u>\$300,000</u>

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28 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - REGULATORY DIVISION - REVENUE ENFORCEMENT.

29 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration  
 30 - Regulatory Division - Revenue Enforcement, to be payable from the Arkansas  
 31 Tobacco Control Revenue Fund, for personal services and operating expenses  
 32 related to carrying out the purposes authorized in ACA 19-6-831 for the  
 33 fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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35 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
36 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>

1	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$657,044
2	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	247,728
3	(03) OVERTIME	5,000
4	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
5	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	87,817
6	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000
7	(C) PROF. FEES	500
8	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	50,000
9	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
10	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,058,089</u></u>

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12 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - REGULATORY DIVISION - UNTAXED TOBACCO

13 FORFEITURE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and

14 Administration - Regulatory Division, to be payable from the cash fund

15 deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of

16 the State, for operational expenses and expense associated with untaxed

17 tobacco forfeiture authorized in ACA 26-57-247 for the fiscal year ending

18 June 30, 2026, the following:

20	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
21	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
22	(01) UNTAXED TOBACCO FORFEITURE	<u><u>\$100,000</u></u>

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24 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - MEDICAL MARIJUANA COMMISSION. There is

25 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration, to be

26 payable from the Medical Marijuana Commission Fund, for refunds and

27 reimbursements related to agency medical marijuana expenses of the Department

28 of Finance and Administration - Alcoholic Beverage Control Administration for

29 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

31	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
32	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
33	(01) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u><u>\$500,000</u></u>

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35 SECTION 12. REGULAR SALARIES - RACING COMMISSION. There is hereby

36 established for the Department of Finance and Administration - Racing

1 Commission for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of  
 2 regular employees.

		Maximum	Maximum Annual
		No. of	Salary Rate
Item	Class	Fiscal Year	
No.	Code Title	Employees	2025-2026
8	(1) B009N DFA DOG RACING VETERINARIAN	1	GRADE MP04
9	(2) G287C DFA REGULATORY ASST ADMIN - RACING	1	GRADE GS15
10	(3) X069C DFA RACING SUPERVISOR	3	GRADE GS09
11	(4) C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06
12	(5) X142C DFA RACING COMMISSION JUDGE	2	GRADE GS05
13	(6) A104C DFA RACING COMMISSION OFFICE AUDITOR	1	GRADE GS04
14	(7) B110C VETERINARIAN ASSISTANT	<u>4</u>	GRADE GS03
15	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	14	

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 17 SECTION 13. EXTRA HELP - RACING COMMISSION. There is hereby  
 18 authorized, for the Department of Finance and Administration - Racing  
 19 Commission for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of  
 20 part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from  
 21 funds appropriated herein for such purposes: thirty-one (31) temporary or  
 22 part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those  
 23 provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its  
 24 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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 26 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - RACING COMMISSION - STATE OPERATIONS.  
 27 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and  
 28 Administration, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account,  
 29 for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Finance and  
 30 Administration - Racing Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026,  
 31 the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
35 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$798,983
36 (02) EXTRA HELP	460,000

1	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	330,361
2	(04) OVERTIME	10,000
3	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
4	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	290,914
5	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	7,500
6	(C) PROF. FEES	50,000
7	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
8	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
9	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,947,758</u></u>

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11           SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - RACING COMMISSION - CASH OPERATIONS. There  
 12 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration, to  
 13 be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined  
 14 by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating  
 15 expenses of the Department of Finance and Administration - Racing Commission  
 16 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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18	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
19	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
20	(01) EXTRA HELP	\$200,000
21	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	120,409
22	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
23	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	600,000
24	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,000
25	(C) PROF. FEES	50,000
26	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
27	(E) DATA PROC.	0
28	(04) REFUND/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>5,000</u>
29	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$980,409</u></u>

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31           SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - RACING COMMISSION - PURSES AND AWARDS FUND.  
 32 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and  
 33 Administration, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State  
 34 Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for  
 35 transfers to the Department of Finance and Administration - Racing Commission  
 36 - Purses and Awards Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the



1 following:

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3 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
5 (01) REFUNDS/INVESTMENTS/TRANSFERS	<u>\$25,000,000</u>

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7 SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - RACING COMMISSION - COMPULSIVE GAMBLING  
 8 ADDICTION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and  
 9 Administration, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account,  
 10 for compulsive gambling disorder treatment and educational programs as  
 11 defined by Amendment 100 to the Arkansas Constitution by the Department of  
 12 Finance and Administration - Racing Commission for the fiscal year ending  
 13 June 30, 2026, the following:

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15 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
16 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
17 (01) GAMBLING ADDICTION TREATMENT & 18 EDUCATION PROGRAMS	<u>\$200,000</u>

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20 SECTION 18. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
 21 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
 22 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
 23 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
 24 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
 25 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
 26 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
 27 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
 28 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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30 SECTION 19. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
 31 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
 32 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
 33 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
 34 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
 35 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
 36 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative

1 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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3 SECTION 20. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
 4 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits  
 5 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
 6 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of  
 7 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
 8 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
 9 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm  
 10 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
 11 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
 12 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
 13 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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