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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1519

5 By: Representatives Cavanaugh, Beaty Jr.
6 By: Senator Gilmore
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO ALLOW THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
10 COMMERCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HIRING AND CONTRACTING
11 OF EMPLOYEES FOR THE STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT,
12 STATE BANK DEPARTMENT, AND STATE SECURITIES
13 DEPARTMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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18 OF COMMERCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HIRING
19 AND CONTRACTING OF EMPLOYEES FOR THE
20 STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, STATE BANK
21 DEPARTMENT, AND STATE SECURITIES
22 DEPARTMENT.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 25-43-303(e), concerning the duties and
27 powers of the Secretary of the Department of Commerce, is amended to read as
28 follows:

29 (e) The secretary may, unless otherwise provided by law:

30 (1) Hire Department of Commerce personnel;

31 (2) Perform or assign duties assigned to the Department of
32 Commerce; and

33 (3) ~~Be appointed~~ Except as provided under subdivision (f)(1) of
34 this section, serve as the director or the administrative or executive head
35 of any state entity under the administrative control of the Department of
36 Commerce if the secretary also meets all statutory requirements for the



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SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 25-43-303(g)(1), concerning the ability of the Secretary of the Department of Commerce to delegate hiring decisions, is amended to read as follows:

(g)(1) The secretary ~~shall~~ may delegate the authority to hire employees and to make employment contracts for work performed to the following officers for their respective departments, subject to any limitations imposed by state or federal law:

- (A) The Insurance Commissioner;
- (B) The Bank Commissioner; and
- (C) The Securities Commissioner.