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2 95th General Assembly  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1006

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 LABOR  
11 AND LICENSING - BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS FOR THE FISCAL  
12 YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND  
16 LICENSING - BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS  
17 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 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 - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC  
25 ACCOUNTANCY. There is hereby established for the Department of Labor and  
26 Licensing - Arkansas State Board of Public Accountancy for the 2026-2027  
27 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 2026-2027
33	(1)	ILP02C LABOR & LICENSING DIVISION DIR II	1	GRADE SPC05
34	(2)	FAC07P CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT	2	GRADE SPC05
35	(3)	PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS04
36	(4)	PAS09P LICENSING COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS03



1 (5) PAS03P ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST 1 GRADE SGS02  
 2 MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES 6

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 4 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY -  
 5 OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Labor and  
 6 Licensing - Arkansas State Board of Public Accountancy for the 2026-2027  
 7 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary  
 8 employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated  
 9 herein for such purposes: one (1) temporary or part-time employees, when  
 10 needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform  
 11 Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the  
 12 appropriate classification.

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 14 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY -  
 15 OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Labor and  
 16 Licensing, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury  
 17 as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services  
 18 and operating expenses of the Department of Labor and Licensing - Arkansas  
 19 State Board of Public Accountancy - Operations for the fiscal year ending  
 20 June 30, 2027, the following:

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22 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
23 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
24 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$387,872
25 (02) EXTRA HELP	35,000
26 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	134,407
27 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
28 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	196,220
29 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	25,000
30 (C) PROF. FEES	3,000
31 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
32 (E) DATA PROC.	0
33 (05) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	14,520
34 (06) EXAM FEES	<u>280,000</u>
35 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,076,019</u>

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SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - STATE BOARD OF APPRAISERS, ABSTRACTERS, AND HOME INSPECTORS. There is hereby established for the Department of Labor and Licensing - State Board of Appraisers, Abstracters, and Home Inspectors for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	ILP02C	LABOR & LICENSING DIVISION DIR II	1	GRADE SPC05
(2)	ILP01C	LABOR & LICENSING DIVISION DIR I	1	GRADE SGS07
(3)	PAS08I	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	GRADE SGS07
(4)	PAS01P	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE SGS05
(5)	PAS09P	LICENSING COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS03
(6)	FFS02P	FISCAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS06
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	6	

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - STATE BOARD OF APPRAISERS, ABSTRACTERS, AND HOME INSPECTORS - ABSTRACTERS BOARD. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Labor and Licensing, to be payable from the State Board of Appraisers, Abstracters, and Home Inspectors Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Labor and Licensing - State Board of Appraisers, Abstracters, and Home Inspectors - Abstracters Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$0
(02)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	0
(03)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	15,000
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
	(C) PROF. FEES	15,000
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>

1 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$30,000

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3 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - STATE BOARD OF APPRAISERS, ABSTRACTERS, AND  
 4 HOME INSPECTORS - ARKANSAS HOME INSPECTORS REGISTRATION BOARD. There is  
 5 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Labor and Licensing, to be payable  
 6 from the State Board of Appraisers, Abstracters, and Home Inspectors Fund,  
 7 for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Labor and  
 8 Licensing - State Board of Appraisers, Abstracters, and Home Inspectors -  
 9 Arkansas Home Inspectors Registration Board for the fiscal year ending June  
 10 30, 2027, the following:

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12 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
13 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
14 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$45,940
15 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	18,142
16 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
17 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	23,100
18 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
19 (C) PROF. FEES	25,000
20 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
21 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
22 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$112,182</u>

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24 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - STATE BOARD OF APPRAISERS, ABSTRACTERS, AND  
 25 HOME INSPECTORS - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of  
 26 Labor and Licensing, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State  
 27 Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal  
 28 services and operating expenses of the Department of Labor and Licensing -  
 29 State Board of Appraisers, Abstracters, and Home Inspectors - Cash for the  
 30 fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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32 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
34 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$258,534
35 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	91,065
36 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	

1	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	188,288
2	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	18,153
3	(C) PROF. FEES	1,727
4	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
5	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
6	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$557,767</u></u>

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 8 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - STATE BOARD OF APPRAISERS, ABSTRACTERS, AND  
 9 HOME INSPECTORS - FEDERAL PROGRAMS. There is hereby appropriated, to the  
 10 Department of Labor and Licensing, to be payable from the federal funds as  
 11 designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses  
 12 of the Department of Labor and Licensing - State Board of Appraisers,  
 13 Abstracters, and Home Inspectors - Federal Programs for the fiscal year  
 14 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

16	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
17	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
18	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
19	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$80,500
20	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	21,500
21	(C) PROF. FEES	14,500
22	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
23	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
24	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$116,500</u></u>

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 26 SECTION 9. REGULAR SALARIES - STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION. There is  
 27 hereby established for the Department of Labor and Licensing - State Athletic  
 28 Commission for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of  
 29 regular employees.

31			Maximum Annual
32		Maximum	Salary Rate
33	Item Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
34	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
35	(1) PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS04
36	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1	

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SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION - OPERATIONS.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Labor and Licensing, to be payable from the Arkansas Athletic Commission Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Labor and Licensing - State Athletic Commission - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$52,545
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	18,894
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	41,880
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	10,917
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$124,236</u></u>

SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Labor and Licensing, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Labor and Licensing - State Athletic Commission - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$46,671
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	18,640
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	164,303
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0

1	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
2	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$229,614</u></u>

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 4 SECTION 12. REGULAR SALARIES - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS,  
 5 LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, AND INTERIOR DESIGNERS. There is hereby established  
 6 for the Department of Labor and Licensing - Arkansas State Board of  
 7 Architects, Landscape Architects and Interior Designers for the 2026-2027  
 8 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

10		Maximum Annual
11		Salary Rate
12	Item Class	Fiscal Year
13	No. Code Title	2026-2027
14	(1) ILP02C LABOR & LICENSING DIVISION DIR II	1 GRADE SPC05
15	(2) PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1 GRADE SGS05
16	(3) FFS04P FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<u>1</u> GRADE SGS04
17	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	3

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 19 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS,  
 20 LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, AND INTERIOR DESIGNERS - OPERATIONS. There is hereby  
 21 appropriated, to the Department of Labor and Licensing, to be payable from  
 22 the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief  
 23 Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of  
 24 the Department of Labor and Licensing - Arkansas State Board of Architects,  
 25 Landscape Architects and Interior Designers - Operations for the fiscal year  
 26 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

28	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
29	NO.	2026-2027
30	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$192,723
31	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	67,414
32	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
33	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	86,691
34	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	12,700
35	(C) PROF. FEES	0
36	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0

1	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
2	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$359,528</u></u>

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 4 SECTION 14. REGULAR SALARIES - AUCTIONEERS LICENSING BOARD. There is  
 5 hereby established for the Department of Labor and Licensing - Auctioneers  
 6 Licensing Board for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number  
 7 of regular employees.

10		Maximum	Maximum Annual
11	Item Class	No. of	Salary Rate
12	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
			2026-2027
13	(1) ILP01C LABOR & LICENSING DIVISION DIR I	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS07
14	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1	

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 16 SECTION 15. EXTRA HELP - AUCTIONEERS LICENSING BOARD - OPERATIONS.  
 17 There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Labor and Licensing -  
 18 Auctioneers Licensing Board for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following  
 19 maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra  
 20 Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one (1)  
 21 temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed  
 22 those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its  
 23 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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 25 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - AUCTIONEERS LICENSING BOARD - OPERATIONS.  
 26 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Labor and Licensing, to be  
 27 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by  
 28 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating  
 29 expenses of the Department of Labor and Licensing - Auctioneers Licensing  
 30 Board - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

32	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
34	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$66,456
35	(02) EXTRA HELP	15,780
36	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	23,710

1	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
2	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	31,250
3	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	2,640
4	(C) PROF. FEES	5,000
5	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
6	(E) DATA PROC.	0
7	(05) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	500
8	(06) CLAIMS	<u>1,375</u>
9	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$146,711</u></u>

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11 SECTION 17. REGULAR SALARIES - PROFESSIONAL BAIL BONDS COMPANY AND  
 12 PROFESSIONAL BAIL BONDSMAN LICENSING BOARD. There is hereby established for  
 13 the Department of Labor and Licensing - Professional Bail Bonds Company and  
 14 Professional Bail Bondsman Licensing Board for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the  
 15 following maximum number of regular employees.

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17		Maximum	Maximum Annual
18		No. of	Salary Rate
19	Item Class	Employees	Fiscal Year
20	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
21	(1) IIV03P INVESTIGATOR II	1	GRADE SGS05
22	(2) PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS04
23	(3) FFS04P FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS04
24	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	3	

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26 SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - PROFESSIONAL BAIL BONDS COMPANY AND  
 27 PROFESSIONAL BAIL BONDSMAN LICENSING BOARD - OPERATIONS. There is hereby  
 28 appropriated, to the Department of Labor and Licensing, to be payable from  
 29 the Bail Bondsman Board Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of  
 30 the Department of Labor and Licensing - Professional Bail Bonds Company and  
 31 Professional Bail Bondsman Licensing Board - Operations for the fiscal year  
 32 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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34	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
35	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
36	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$199,733

1	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	75,951
2	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
3	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	102,171
4	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	3,000
5	(C) PROF. FEES	2,000
6	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
7	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
8	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$382,855</u></u>

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10 SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - PROFESSIONAL BAIL BONDS COMPANY AND

11 PROFESSIONAL BAIL BONDSMAN LICENSING BOARD - TREASURY CASH REIMBURSEMENTS.

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

13 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by

14 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, to process security deposits and pay

15 outstanding judgments of bail bonds companies that go out of business by the

16 Department of Labor and Licensing - Professional Bail Bonds Company and

17 Professional Bail Bondsman Licensing Board - Treasury Cash Reimbursements for

18 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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20	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
21	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
22	(01) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u><u>\$220,000</u></u>

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24 SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - PROFESSIONAL BAIL BONDS COMPANY AND

25 PROFESSIONAL BAIL BONDSMAN LICENSING BOARD - BAIL BOND RECOVERY. There is

26 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Labor and Licensing, to be payable

27 from the Bail Bond Recovery Fund, for personal services and operating

28 expenses for the recovery of forfeited professional bail bonds of the

29 Department of Labor and Licensing - Professional Bail Bonds Company and

30 Professional Bail Bondsman Licensing Board - Bail Bond Recovery for the

31 fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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33	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
34	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
35	(01) RECOVERY OF FORFEITED PROFESSIONAL	
36	BAIL BONDS	<u><u>\$1,169,459</u></u>

SECTION 21. REGULAR SALARIES - STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS. There is hereby established for the Department of Labor and Licensing - State Board of Barber Examiners for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	ILP01C	LABOR & LICENSING DIVISION DIR I	1	GRADE SGS07
(2)	PAS02P	ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS04
(3)	IIN01P	INSPECTOR I	1	GRADE SGS04
(4)	PAS03P	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS02
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	4	

SECTION 22. EXTRA HELP - STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Labor and Licensing - State Board of Barber Examiners for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one (1) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Labor and Licensing, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Labor and Licensing - State Board of Barber Examiners - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$182,750

1	(02)	EXTRA HELP	10,802
2	(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	73,841
3	(04)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
4	(A)	OPER. EXPENSE	27,350
5	(B)	CONF. & TRAVEL	3,550
6	(C)	PROF. FEES	0
7	(D)	CAP. OUTLAY	0
8	(E)	DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
9		TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$298,293</u></u>

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11 SECTION 24. REGULAR SALARIES - CONTRACTORS LICENSING BOARD. There is  
 12 hereby established for the Department of Labor and Licensing - Contractors  
 13 Licensing Board for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number  
 14 of regular employees.

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Item	Class		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
			Employees	Fiscal Year
				2026-2027
(1)	ILP02C	LABOR & LICENSING DIVISION DIR II	1	GRADE SPC05
(2)	LAT04P	ATTORNEY II	1	GRADE SPC05
(3)	IIV04P	INVESTIGATOR III	6	GRADE SGS06
(4)	PAS02P	ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS04
(5)	PAS09P	LICENSING COORDINATOR	5	GRADE SGS03
(6)	PAS03P	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS02
(7)	IUS04P	USER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IST02
(8)	IIV05P	INVESTIGATOR SUPV/EXP	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS07
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	17	

SECTION 25. APPROPRIATION - CONTRACTORS LICENSING BOARD - OPERATIONS.  
 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Labor and Licensing, to be  
 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by  
 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating  
 expenses, and grants by the Department of Labor and Licensing - Contractors  
 Licensing Board - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the  
 following:

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2	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
3	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
4	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$927,375
5	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	338,624
6	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
7	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	319,400
8	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	15,000
9	(C) PROF. FEES	37,000
10	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
11	(E) DATA PROC.	0
12	(04) EDUCATION TRAINING GRANTS	150,000
13	(05) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	60,000
14	(06) CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING GRANTS	<u>100,000</u>
15	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,947,399</u>

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17 SECTION 26. REGULAR SALARIES - STATE BOARD OF COLLECTION AGENCIES.

18 There is hereby established for the Department of Labor and Licensing - State

19 Board of Collection Agencies for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following

20 maximum number of regular employees.

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22			Maximum Annual
23		Maximum	Salary Rate
24	Item Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
25	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
26	(1) ILP01C LABOR & LICENSING DIVISION DIR I	1	GRADE SGS07
27	(2) PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS04
28	(3) FFS04P FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS04
29	(4) PAS09P LICENSING COORDINATOR	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS03
30	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	4	

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32 SECTION 27. EXTRA HELP - STATE BOARD OF COLLECTION AGENCIES. There is

33 hereby authorized, for the Department of Labor and Licensing - State Board of

34 Collection Agencies for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum

35 number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help",

36 payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one (1) temporary

1 or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those  
 2 provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its  
 3 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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 5 SECTION 28. APPROPRIATION - STATE BOARD OF COLLECTION AGENCIES -  
 6 OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Labor and  
 7 Licensing, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury  
 8 as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal  
 9 services, operating expenses, and grants by the Department of Labor and  
 10 Licensing - State Board of Collection Agencies - Operations for the fiscal  
 11 year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

13 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
15 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$222,627
16 (02) EXTRA HELP	5,000
17 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	83,199
18 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
19 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	56,700
20 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,500
21 (C) PROF. FEES	16,000
22 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
23 (E) DATA PROC.	0
24 (05) DHS/UAMS/ASU MOUNTAIN HOME/UCA/SAU	
25 SYSTEM GRANTS/HSU/ATU/NWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE	<u>1,475,000</u>
26 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,863,026</u></u>

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 28 SECTION 29. REGULAR SALARIES - STATE BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR  
 29 PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS. There is hereby  
 30 established for the Department of Labor and Licensing - State Board of  
 31 Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors for the 2026-  
 32 2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

34	Maximum	Annual
35	Maximum	Salary Rate
36 Item Class	No. of	Fiscal Year

No.	Code	Title	Employees	2026-2027
(1)	ILP02C	LABOR & LICENSING DIVISION DIR II	1	GRADE SPC05
(2)	PAS04C	ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE SGS06
(3)	IIV04P	INVESTIGATOR III	1	GRADE SGS06
(4)	FFS04P	FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS04
(5)	PAS09P	LICENSING COORDINATOR	<u>2</u>	GRADE SGS03
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	6	

SECTION 30. EXTRA HELP - STATE BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Labor and Licensing - State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one (1) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 31. APPROPRIATION - STATE BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Labor and Licensing, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Labor and Licensing - State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$373,017
(02) EXTRA HELP	12,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	133,336
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	208,649
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,227
(C) PROF. FEES	7,144

1	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
2	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
3	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$744,373</u></u>

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5 SECTION 32. REGULAR SALARIES - ARKANSAS FIRE PROTECTION LICENSING

6 BOARD. There is hereby established for the Department of Labor and Licensing

7 - Arkansas Fire Protection Licensing Board for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the

8 following maximum number of regular employees.

10		Maximum	Annual
11		No. of	Salary Rate
12	Item Class	Employees	Fiscal Year
13	<u>No. Code Title</u>		<u>2026-2027</u>
14	(1) ILP01C LABOR & LICENSING DIVISION DIR I	1	GRADE SGS07
15	(2) IIV03P INVESTIGATOR II	1	GRADE SGS05
16	(3) PAS09P LICENSING COORDINATOR	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS03
17	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	3	

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19 SECTION 33. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS FIRE PROTECTION LICENSING BOARD -

20 OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Labor and

21 Licensing, to be payable from the Fire Protection Licensing Fund, for

22 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Labor and

23 Licensing - Arkansas Fire Protection Licensing Board - Operations for the

24 fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

26	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
27	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
28	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$130,220
29	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	52,596
30	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
31	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	63,174
32	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	3,300
33	(C) PROF. FEES	1,000
34	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
35	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
36	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$250,290</u></u>

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SECTION 34. REGULAR SALARIES - HVAC LICENSING BOARD. There is hereby established for the Department of Labor and Licensing - HVAC Licensing Board for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	IIN05P	INSPECTOR SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS07
(2)	IIN03P	INSPECTOR III	6	GRADE SGS06
(3)	PAS01P	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE SGS05
(4)	FFS04P	FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS04
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	9	

SECTION 35. APPROPRIATION - HVAC LICENSING BOARD - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Labor and Licensing, to be payable from the Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Labor and Licensing - HVAC Licensing Board - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$441,805
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	172,119
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	102,751
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	3,063
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>4,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$723,738</u></u>

1 SECTION 36. REGULAR SALARIES - ARKANSAS MANUFACTURED HOME COMMISSION.

2 There is hereby established for the Department of Labor and Licensing -  
 3 Arkansas Manufactured Home Commission for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the  
 4 following maximum number of regular employees.

5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
			Item Class	Maximum	Maximum Annual		
			No. Code Title	No. of	Salary Rate		
				Employees	Fiscal Year		
					2026-2027		
10	(1)	ILP01C	LABOR & LICENSING DIVISION DIR I	1	GRADE SGS07		
11	(2)	IIN02P	INSPECTOR II	<u>2</u>	GRADE SGS05		
12			MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	3			

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 14 SECTION 37. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS MANUFACTURED HOME COMMISSION -  
 15 OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Labor and  
 16 Licensing, to be payable from the Manufactured Home Standards Fund, for  
 17 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Labor and  
 18 Licensing - Arkansas Manufactured Home Commission - Operations for the fiscal  
 19 year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
ITEM	NO.							FISCAL YEAR		
								2026-2027		
	(01)	REGULAR SALARIES						\$168,268		
	(02)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING						62,412		
	(03)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION								
	(A)	OPER. EXPENSE						42,238		
	(B)	CONF. & TRAVEL						1,263		
	(C)	PROF. FEES						825		
	(D)	CAP. OUTLAY						0		
	(E)	DATA PROC.						<u>0</u>		
		TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED						<u>\$275,006</u>		

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 33 SECTION 38. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS MANUFACTURED HOME COMMISSION -  
 34 OPERATING EXPENSES, REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS AND CLAIMS. There is hereby  
 35 appropriated, to the Department of Labor and Licensing, to be payable from  
 36 the Manufactured Housing Recovery Fund, for operating expenses and payment of

1 refunds/reimbursements and claims by the Department of Labor and Licensing -  
 2 Arkansas Manufactured Home Commission - Operating Expenses,  
 3 Refunds/Reimbursements and Claims for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027,  
 4 the following:

6 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
7 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
8 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
9 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$5,573
10 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	20,000
11 (C) PROF. FEES	0
12 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
13 (E) DATA PROC.	0
14 (02) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	50,000
15 (03) CLAIMS	<u>135,000</u>
16 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$210,573</u></u>

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 18 SECTION 39. REGULAR SALARIES - ARKANSAS MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION.  
 19 There is hereby established for the Department of Labor and Licensing -  
 20 Arkansas Motor Vehicle Commission for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the  
 21 following maximum number of regular employees.

24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
	Item	Class		Maximum	Maximum Annual				
	No.	Code	Title	No. of	Salary Rate	Fiscal Year			
	<u>No.</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>2026-2027</u>			
27	(1)	ILP01C	LABOR & LICENSING DIVISION DIR I	1		GRADE SGS07			
28	(2)	IIV04P	INVESTIGATOR III	2		GRADE SGS06			
29	(3)	PAS02P	ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	1		GRADE SGS04			
30	(4)	FFS04P	FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1		GRADE SGS04			
31	(5)	PAS09P	LICENSING COORDINATOR	<u>1</u>		GRADE SGS03			
32			MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	6					

34 SECTION 40. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION -  
 35 OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Labor and  
 36 Licensing, to be payable from the Motor Vehicle Commission Fund, for personal

1 services and operating expenses of the Department of Labor and Licensing -  
 2 Arkansas Motor Vehicle Commission - Operations for the fiscal year ending  
 3 June 30, 2027, the following:

5 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
6 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
7 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$277,248
8 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	110,131
9 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
10 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	62,750
11 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,000
12 (C) PROF. FEES	0
13 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
14 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
15 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$455,129</u></u>

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 17 SECTION 41. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION -  
 18 AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGIST EDUCATION GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to  
 19 the Department of Labor and Licensing, to be payable from the Automotive  
 20 Technologist Education Grant Fund, for grants for the Automotive Technologist  
 21 Education Grant Program of the Department of Labor and Licensing - Arkansas  
 22 Motor Vehicle Commission - Automotive Technologist Education Grants for the  
 23 fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

25 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
26 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
27 (01) AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGIST EDUCATION	
28 GRANTS	<u><u>\$250,000</u></u>

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 30 SECTION 42. REGULAR SALARIES - ARKANSAS REAL ESTATE COMMISSION. There  
 31 is hereby established for the Department of Labor and Licensing - Arkansas  
 32 Real Estate Commission for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum  
 33 number of regular employees.

35	Maximum	Maximum Annual
36	Salary	Salary Rate

Item	Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
No.	Code Title	Employees	2026-2027
(1)	ILP02C LABOR & LICENSING DIVISION DIR II	1	GRADE SPC05
(2)	FAC02P ACCOUNTANT II	1	GRADE SPC02
(3)	IIV05P INVESTIGATOR SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS07
(4)	CTR02P TRAINER	1	GRADE SGS07
(5)	IIV04P INVESTIGATOR III	1	GRADE SGS06
(6)	PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE SGS05
(7)	IIV03P INVESTIGATOR II	2	GRADE SGS05
(8)	PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SGS04
(9)	PAS03P ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	3	GRADE SGS02
(10)	IUS04P USER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IST02
(11)	PAS04C ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISOR	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS06
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	15	

SECTION 43. EXTRA HELP - ARKANSAS REAL ESTATE COMMISSION. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Labor and Licensing - Arkansas Real Estate Commission for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two (2) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 44. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS REAL ESTATE COMMISSION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Labor and Licensing, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Labor and Licensing - Arkansas Real Estate Commission - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$803,824
(02) EXTRA HELP	8,000

1	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	302,557
2	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
3	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	397,744
4	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	26,662
5	(C) PROF. FEES	22,929
6	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
7	(E) DATA PROC.	0
8	(05) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>10,000</u>
9	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,571,716</u></u>

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11 SECTION 45. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS REAL ESTATE COMMISSION - REAL  
 12 ESTATE RECOVERY. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Labor  
 13 and Licensing, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State  
 14 Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for paying  
 15 claims for damage payments and for costs associated with education activities  
 16 of the Department of Labor and Licensing - Arkansas Real Estate Commission -  
 17 Real Estate Recovery for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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19	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
20	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
21	(01) DAMAGE PAYMENT	\$250,000
22	(02) EDUCATION	<u>102,500</u>
23	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$352,500</u></u>

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25 SECTION 46. REGULAR SALARIES - ARKANSAS BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR  
 26 PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS. There is hereby established for the Department of  
 27 Labor and Licensing - Arkansas Board of Registration for Professional  
 28 Geologists for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of  
 29 regular employees.

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31		Maximum Annual
32		Salary Rate
33	Item Class	Fiscal Year
34	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
35	(1) PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	<u>1</u> GRADE SGS04
36	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1

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SECTION 47. EXTRA HELP - ARKANSAS BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Labor and Licensing - Arkansas Board of Registration for Professional Geologists for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two (2) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 48. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Labor and Licensing, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Labor and Licensing - Arkansas Board of Registration for Professional Geologists - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$33,118
(02) EXTRA HELP	3,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	15,757
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	8,275
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	2,000
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$62,150</u></u>

SECTION 49. REGULAR SALARIES - ARKANSAS TOWING AND RECOVERY BOARD. There is hereby established for the Department of Labor and Licensing - Arkansas Towing and Recovery Board for the 2026-2027 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 2026-2027
(1)	IIV04P	INVESTIGATOR III	1	GRADE SGS06
(2)	IIV03P	INVESTIGATOR II	1	GRADE SGS05
(3)	PAS09P	LICENSING COORDINATOR	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS03
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	3	

SECTION 50. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS TOWING AND RECOVERY BOARD - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Labor and Licensing, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Labor and Licensing - Arkansas Towing and Recovery Board - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$147,074
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	56,982
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	73,228
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$277,284</u></u>

SECTION 51. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. PROFESSIONAL BAIL BONDS COMPANY AND PROFESSIONAL BAIL BONDSMAN LICENSING BOARD - FUND TRANSFER. The Professional Bail Bonds Company and Professional Bail Bondsman Licensing Board shall deposit as special revenues sufficient fees and penalties directly into the Bail Bondsman Board fund to provide for

1 personal services and operating expenses for the board. At the end of each  
2 fiscal year, the Professional Bail Bondsman Licensing Board shall be allowed  
3 to retain a fund balance sufficient to cover the personal services and  
4 operating expenses of the board for the following fiscal year. Seventy-five  
5 percent (75%) of any funds remaining in excess of this balance shall be  
6 transferred to the General Revenue Fund Account in the State Treasury.

7 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~  
8 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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10 SECTION 52. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
11 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
12 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
13 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
14 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
15 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
16 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
17 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
18 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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20 SECTION 53. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
21 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
22 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
23 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
24 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
25 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
26 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
27 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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29 SECTION 54. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
30 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits  
31 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
32 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of  
33 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
34 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
35 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm  
36 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental

1 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
2 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
3 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.

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