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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1051

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, 2027; 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 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 - REGULATORY DIVISION. There is hereby
25 established for the Department of Finance & Administration - Regulatory
26 Division for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of
27 regular employees.
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Item	Class		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
			Employees	Fiscal Year
				2026-2027
33	(1)	EEX35A REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE EXE01
34	(2)	SRL04C REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT ADMIN	1	GRADE SPC10
35	(3)	PRP03C DFA ASSISTANT DIVISION ADMIN	1	GRADE SPC08
36	(4)	LAT05P ATTORNEY III	1	GRADE SPC08



1	(5) FAU01C AUDIT MANAGER	1	GRADE SPC06
2	(6) LAT04P ATTORNEY II	4	GRADE SPC05
3	(7) FAU04P AUDITOR II	4	GRADE SPC02
4	(8) CTR02P TRAINER	1	GRADE SGS07
5	(9) ILS03I LEGAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	4	GRADE SGS06
6	(10) SIA10P CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE ANALYST	2	GRADE SGS06
7	(11) FFS02P FISCAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR	3	GRADE SGS06
8	(12) PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	4	GRADE SGS05
9	(13) PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS04
10	(14) FFS04P FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS04
11	(15) HDH07P HR SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS04
12	(16) PAS03P ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS02
13	(17) SRL05C REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT MANAGER	1	GRADE LES10
14	(18) SRL03P ENFORCEMENT AGENT III	8	GRADE LES05
15	(19) SRL02P ENFORCEMENT AGENT II	3	GRADE LES04
16	(20) SRL01P ENFORCEMENT AGENT I	<u>28</u>	GRADE LES03
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 2026-2027 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. There is hereby
 29 appropriated, to the Department of Finance & Administration, to be payable
 30 from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and
 31 operating expenses of the Department of Finance & Administration - Regulatory
 32 Division for the fiscal year 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	\$2,872,863

1	(02) EXTRA HELP	7,000
2	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,034,438
3	(04) OVERTIME	10,000
4	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
5	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	416,927
6	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	34,986
7	(C) PROF. FEES	5,000
8	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
9	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
10	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$4,381,214</u></u>

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12 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - REGULATORY DIVISION - SALES TO MINORS

13 ENFORCEMENT - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
 14 Finance & Administration, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the
 15 State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 16 personal services, operating expenses, and the purchase of promotional items
 17 of the Department of Finance & Administration - Regulatory Division - Sales
 18 to Minors Enforcement - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the
 19 following:

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21	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
22	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
23	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$537,933
24	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	256,030
25	(03) OVERTIME	5,000
26	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
27	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	332,072
28	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
29	(C) PROF. FEES	1,700
30	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
31	(E) DATA PROC.	0
32	(05) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>5,000</u>
33	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,137,735</u></u>

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35 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - REGULATORY DIVISION - TOBACCO INSPECTION

36 PROGRAM - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of

1 Finance & Administration, to be payable from the federal funds as designated
 2 by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating
 3 expenses of the Department of Finance & Administration - Regulatory Division
 4 - Tobacco Inspection Program - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 5 2027, the following:

7 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
9 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$310,705
10 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	128,293
11 (03) OVERTIME	17,041
12 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
13 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	480,000
14 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,000
15 (C) PROF. FEES	31,242
16 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
17 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
18 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$972,281</u></u>

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 20 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - REGULATORY DIVISION - CIGARETTE FIRE SAFETY.
 21 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance & Administration,
 22 to be payable from the Cigarette Fire Safety Standard Fund, for personal
 23 services and operating expenses to support fire safety and prevention
 24 programs of the Department of Finance & Administration - Regulatory Division
 25 - Cigarette Fire Safety for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the
 26 following:

28 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
29 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
30 (01) FIRE SAFETY & PREVENTION	<u><u>\$50,000</u></u>

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 32 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - REGULATORY DIVISION - SPIRITUOUS AND VINOUS
 33 BEVERAGES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance &
 34 Administration, to be payable from the Alcoholic Beverage Control Fund, for
 35 promotion, education, training, alcohol safety awareness, enforcement
 36 activities, equipment and vehicle purchases of the Department of Finance &

1 Administration - Regulatory Division for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 2 2027, the following:

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4 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
5 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
6 (01) PROMOTION, EDUCATION, TRAINING, SAFETY	
7 AWARENESS ENROLLMENT	<u>\$300,000</u>

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9 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - REGULATORY DIVISION - REVENUE ENFORCEMENT.

10 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance & Administration -
 11 Regulatory Division, to be payable from the Arkansas Tobacco Control Revenue
 12 Fund, for personal services and operating expenses related to carrying out
 13 the purposes authorized in ACA 19-43-303 of the Department of Finance &
 14 Administration - Regulatory Division for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 15 2027, the following:

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17 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
18 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
19 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$657,295
20 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	247,846
21 (03) OVERTIME	5,000
22 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
23 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	127,817
24 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000
25 (C) PROF. FEES	500
26 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	50,000
27 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
28 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,098,458</u>

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30 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - REGULATORY DIVISION - UNTAXED TOBACCO
 31 FORFEITURE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance &
 32 Administration - Regulatory Division, to be payable from the cash fund
 33 deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of
 34 the State, for operational expenses and expense associated with untaxed
 35 tobacco forfeiture authorized in ACA 26-57-247 for the fiscal year ending
 36 June 30, 2027, the following:

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<u>NO.</u>		<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) UNTAXED TOBACCO FORFEITURE		<u>\$100,000</u>

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - MEDICAL MARIJUANA COMMISSION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance & Administration, to be payable from the Medical Marijuana Commission Fund, for refunds and reimbursements related to agency medical marijuana expenses of the Department of Finance & Administration - Alcoholic Beverage Control Administration for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM		FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>		<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS		<u>\$500,000</u>

SECTION 11. REGULAR SALARIES - RACING COMMISSION. There is hereby established for the Department of Finance and Administration - Racing Commission for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

		Maximum	Maximum Annual
Item	Class	No. of	Salary Rate
<u>No.</u>	<u>Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
			<u>2026-2027</u>
(1)	PRP03C DFA ASSISTANT DIVISION ADMIN	1	GRADE SPC08
(2)	LAT04P ATTORNEY II	1	GRADE SPC05
(3)	PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	8	GRADE SGS05
(4)	TGT03I VETERINARY AIDE	<u>4</u>	GRADE SGS01
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	14	

SECTION 12. EXTRA HELP - RACING COMMISSION. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Finance and Administration - Racing 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: thirty-one (31) temporary or

1 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.

5 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - RACING COMMISSION - STATE OPERATIONS.

6 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance & Administration,
 7 to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal
 8 services and operating expenses of the Department of Finance & Administration
 9 - Racing Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

11 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
13 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$726,390
14 (02) EXTRA HELP	460,000
15 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	313,686
16 (04) OVERTIME	10,000
17 (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
18 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	290,914
19 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	7,500
20 (C) PROF. FEES	50,000
21 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
22 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
23 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,858,490</u></u>

25 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - RACING COMMISSION - CASH OPERATIONS. There
 26 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance & Administration, 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 Finance & Administration - Racing Commission
 30 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

32 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
34 (01) EXTRA HELP	\$200,000
35 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	120,409
36 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	

1	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	600,000
2	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,000
3	(C) PROF. FEES	50,000
4	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
5	(E) DATA PROC.	0
6	(04) REFUND/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>5,000</u>
7	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$980,409</u></u>

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9 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - RACING COMMISSION - PURSES AND AWARDS FUND.

10 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and

11 Administration, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State

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

13 transfers to the Department of Finance and Administration - Racing Commission

14 - Purses and Awards Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the

15 following:

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17	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
18	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
19	(01) REFUNDS/INVESTMENTS/TRANSFERS	<u><u>\$25,000,000</u></u>

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21 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - RACING COMMISSION - COMPULSIVE GAMBLING

22 ADDICTION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance &

23 Administration, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account,

24 for compulsive gambling disorder treatment and educational programs as

25 defined by Amendment 100 to the Arkansas Constitution by the Department of

26 Finance & Administration - Racing Commission for the fiscal year ending June

27 30, 2027, the following:

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29	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
31	(01) GAMBLING ADDICTION TREATMENT &	
32	EDUCATION PROGRAMS	<u><u>\$200,000</u></u>

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34 SECTION 17. REGULAR SALARIES - RACING COMMISSION - CASINO GAMING

35 SECTION. There is hereby established for the Department of Finance and

36 Administration - Racing Commission - Casino Gaming Section for the 2026-2027

1 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item	Class	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
7	(1) PRP07P REVENUE DIVISION SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SPC07
8	(2) PTA01P TAX AUDIT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	3	GRADE SPC06
9	(3) PTA03P TAX AUDITOR II	4	GRADE SPC04
10	(4) PTA02P TAX AUDITOR I	2	GRADE SPC01
11	(5) PRP06P REVENUE COORDINATOR	3	GRADE SGS05
12	(6) PRP02P CUSTOMER SERVICE SPECIALIST	<u>27</u>	GRADE SGS03
13	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	40	

15 SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - RACING COMMISSION - CASINO GAMING SECTION.

16 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and
 17 Administration, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for
 18 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Finance and
 19 Administration - Racing Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027,
 20 the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
24 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,816,026
25 (01.1) OVERTIME	\$5,000
26 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	739,222
27 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
28 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	20,000
29 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,000
30 (C) PROF. FEES	0
31 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
32 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
33 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$2,584,248</u>

35 SECTION 19. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
 36 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency

1 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
2 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
3 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
4 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
5 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
6 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
7 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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18 SECTION 21. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
19 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
20 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
21 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of
22 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
23 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
24 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm
25 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
26 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
27 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
28 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.

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30 */s/ Joint Budget Committee*
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