

Final Report to the Arkansas Legislative Council

Occupational Licensing Review Subcommittee

October 17, 2025

I. Background

Act 600 of the 2019 Regular Session, the Red Tape Reduction Sunrise and Sunset Act of 2019, tasked the Legislative Council with conducting an annual rotating review of all occupational authorizations in the state with the purpose of determining and implementing the least restrictive form of occupational authorization to protect consumers from significant and substantiated harms to public health and safety. The Legislative Council (ALC) created the Occupational Licensing Review Subcommittee to carry out this requirement for review.

The rules of the ALC Occupational Licensing Review Subcommittee (the “Subcommittee”) required that the Subcommittee shall submit to ALC its recommendations during the December meeting of each year. The recommendations may include the following: repeal of an occupational authorization, conversion of an occupational authorization to a less restrictive occupational authorization, promulgation of revised rules reflecting the use of less restrictive occupational authorization, modification of qualifications for an occupational authorization, modification or redefinition of the scope of practice of an occupation or profession, or any other relevant legislative reforms deemed necessary. Upon adoption of any of the recommendations of the Subcommittee by ALC, the recommendations shall be submitted to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

II. Work of the Subcommittee in 2025

Beginning in June of 2025, the Subcommittee determined the schedule for review of entities and the process for discussions of final recommendations. In addition, the Subcommittee adopted their rules and assigned entities to a hearing date, thereby establishing the deadline for each entity to submit their respective reports for review by the Subcommittee.

The Subcommittee began hearing occupational authorization entity reports assigned to Group 6 in August of 2025. Group 6 included 13 entities, and the Subcommittee reviewed 68 licenses (*See Appendix A*). At the following meeting, the Subcommittee discussed possible recommendations, if any, from the reports heard previously as well as the reports assigned to that meeting. This pattern was followed until the Subcommittee heard all reports and discussed all recommendations made. In October of 2025, the Subcommittee reviewed and prepared to submit its final report to ALC, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Pro Tempore of the Senate.

III. Recommendations by the Subcommittee

The Subcommittee did not develop any recommendations for the entities in Group 6 that were reviewed during 2025.

IV. Conclusion

It is the intention of the Subcommittee to strive to fulfill its mandate under Act 600 of 2019 to determine and implement the least restrictive form of occupational authorizations to protect consumers from significant and substantiated harm to public health and safety.

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GROUP 6		
Entity	# of Licenses	Licenses Authorized
Athletic Commission, Arkansas State	11	Athletic Manager, Athletic Promoter/Matchmaker, Boxer/Kick Boxer, Competitive Sports Judge, Event Coordinator, Mixed Martial Artist, Professional Wrestler, Referee, Ring Announcer, Seconds/Corner, Timekeeper
Collection Agencies, Arkansas State Board of	2	Collection Agency, Collection Agency Employee
Education, Arkansas Department of	16	Adult Education Teacher (Post-secondary), Building Administrator K- 12, Career and Professional Permits Teacher/Instructor, District Administrator, Elementary and Secondary School Counselor, Elementary Education K-6 Teacher, Library Media Specialist, Middle School Teacher, School Psychology Specialist, Secondary School Teacher, Special Education Instructional Specialist, Speech-Language Pathologist (School), K-12 Area Teacher, Dyslexia, English (for Speakers of Other Languages), Curriculum Administrator K-12
Emergency Management, Division of; Department of Energy & Environment	1	Clandestine Laboratory (Meth Lab) Remediation Contractor
Geologists, Arkansas State Board of Registration for Professional	1	Registered Geologist
Health, Arkansas Department of; Arkansas State Board of Examiners of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors	2	Licensed Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor, Licensed Associate Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor
Health, Arkansas Department of; Center for Health Protection - Health Facility Services	5	Perfusionist, Orthotist, Prosthetist, Pedorthist, Orthotic/Prosthetic Assistant
Heating, Ventilation, Airconditioning, & Refridgeration (HVAC/R)	3	Class A, B, C, D, & E HVAC/R Contractors; HVAC/R Registrants; Municipal Inspector Certification
Home Inspector Registration Board, Arkansas	1	Home Inspector
Labor, Arkansas Department of; Arkansas Board of Electrical Examiners	9	Air Conditioning Electrician, Electrical Apprentice, Electrical Contractor, Industrial Maintenance Electrician, Journeyman Electrician, Master Electrician, Residential Journeyman Electrician, Residential Master Electrician, Specialist Sign Electrician
Manufactured Home Comission, Arkansas	9	Manufactured Home Installer, Manufactured Home Installing Retailer, Manufactured Home Manufacturer, Manufactured Home Retailer, Manufactured Home Salesperson, Modular Home Installer, Modular Home Manufacturer, Modular Home Retailer, Modular Home Salesperson
Plant Board, Arkansas State; Plant Industry Division; Nursery Section	4	Limited Nurseryman (small operation), Nurseryman (Levels 1-4), Nursery Dealer (Levels 1-3), Landscape Contractor (Levels 1-3)
Police, Arkansas State; Regulatory Services Division; Used Motor Vehicle Dealer	4	UMVD New Primary Dealer, UMVD New Satellite Dealer, UMVD Primary Renewal, UMVD Satellite Renewal
Total Entities Group 6: 13	68	