

**QUESTIONNAIRE FOR FILING PROPOSED RULES WITH  
THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**DEPARTMENT** Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage & Tourism, Division of State Parks

**BOARD/COMMISSION** Arkansas State Parks, Recreation & Travel Commission

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**INSTRUCTIONS**

In order to file a proposed rule for legislative review and approval, please submit this Legislative Questionnaire and Financial Impact Statement, and attach (1) a summary of the rule, describing what the rule does, the rule changes being proposed, and the reason for those changes; (2) both a markup and clean copy of the rule; and (3) all documents required by the Questionnaire.

If the rule is being filed for permanent promulgation, please email these items to the attention of Rebecca Miller-Rice, [miller-ricer@blr.arkansas.gov](mailto:miller-ricer@blr.arkansas.gov), for submission to the Administrative Rules Subcommittee.

If the rule is being filed for emergency promulgation, please email these items to the attention of Director Marty Garrity, [garritym@blr.arkansas.gov](mailto:garritym@blr.arkansas.gov), for submission to the Executive Subcommittee.

Please answer each question completely using layman terms.

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1.      What is the official title of this rule?  
Arkansas State Parks Alcoholic Beverage Permit Rule
2.      What is the subject of the proposed rule? Administration of sales/service of alcoholic beverages in Arkansas
3.      Is this rule being filed under the emergency provisions of the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act? Yes  No

*If yes, please attach the statement required by Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-204(c)(1).*

If yes, will this emergency rule be promulgated under the permanent provisions of the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act? Yes  No

4. Is this rule being filed for permanent promulgation? Yes  No

If yes, was this rule previously reviewed and approved under the emergency provisions of the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act? Yes  No

If yes, what was the effective date of the emergency rule? \_\_\_\_\_

On what date does the emergency rule expire? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Is this rule required to comply with a *federal* statute, rule, or regulation? Yes  No

If yes, please provide the federal statute, rule, and/or regulation citation.

6. Is this rule required to comply with a *state* statute or rule? Yes  No

If yes, please provide the state statute and/or rule citation.

[Act 655 of 2023, codified at Ark. Code Ann. 3-9-103.](#)

7. Is this a new rule? Yes  No

Does this repeal an existing rule? Yes  No

If yes, the proposed repeal should be designated by strikethrough. If it is being replaced with a new rule, please attach both the proposed rule to be repealed and the replacement rule.

Is this an amendment to an existing rule? Yes  No

If yes, all changes should be indicated by strikethrough and underline. In addition, please be sure to label the markup copy clearly as the markup.

8. What is the state law that grants the agency its rulemaking authority for the proposed rule, outside of the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act? Please provide the specific Arkansas Code citation(s), including subsection(s).

Ark. Code Ann. 3-9-103(g)(1)

9. Is the proposed rule the result of any recent legislation by the Arkansas General Assembly?  
Yes  No

If yes, please provide the year of the act(s) and act number(s).

Act 655 of 2023

10. What is the reason for this proposed rule? Why is it necessary?

As required by Ark. Code Ann. 3-9-103(g)(1), this proposed rule establishes a process for Secretary approval and administration of sales of alcoholic beverages in state parks.

The proposed rule specifies the method for a state park to seek approval from the Secretary to sell/serve alcoholic beverages, and specifies the requirements for such a permit issued by the Secretary.

Further, the proposed rule establishes that an authorized park shall serve alcohol only during operating hours or hour of an outdoor event; incorporates by reference ABC rules pertaining to distribution and sale of alcoholic beverages; and inspection, monitoring and reporting requirements for the Division of State Parks.

The proposed rule also sets out a process for third party vendors to obtain and utilize a permit.

Finally, the proposed rule provides that a current ABC permit held by any park shall remain in effect until replaced by a Secretary's permit issued under these rules.

Additionally, two (2) obsolete rules pertaining to 2021 Rates/Fees and Wildlife Observation Trails Pilot Grant

11. Please provide the web address by which the proposed rule can be accessed by the public as provided in Ark. Code Ann. § 25-19-108(b)(1).  
<https://adpht.arkansas.gov/about-us/public-notice>
12. Will a public hearing be held on this proposed rule? Yes  No   
If yes, please complete the following:  
Date: 08/17/2023  
Time: 9:00 am  
Place: State Parks, Rec. & Travel Comm'n Meeting, The Blue Lion 101 North 2nd Street, Fort Smith and State Par  
*Please be sure to advise Bureau Staff if this information changes for any reason.*
13. On what date does the public comment period expire for the permanent promulgation of the rule? Please provide the specific date. 09/11/2023
14. What is the proposed effective date for this rule? 10 days after filing with Secretary of State
15. Please attach (1) a copy of the notice required under Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-204(a)(1) and (2) proof of the publication of that notice.
16. Please attach proof of filing the rule with the Secretary of State, as required by Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-204(e)(1)(A).
17. Please give the names of persons, groups, or organizations that you anticipate will comment on these rules. Please also provide their position (for or against), if known.
18. Is the rule expected to be controversial? Yes  No  If yes, please explain.  
[This rule may be controversial because it allows the Secretary to permit the sale of alcoholic beverages in dry counties without local option elections or city/county approval.](#)

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS COMPLETELY.**

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To comply with Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-204(e), please complete the Financial Impact Statement and email it with the questionnaire, summary, markup and clean copy of the rule, and other documents. Please attach additional pages, if necessary.

**TITLE OF THIS RULE** Arkansas State Parks Alcoholic Beverage Permit Rule

1. Does this proposed, amended, or repealed rule have a financial impact?  
Yes       No
  
2. Is the rule based on the best reasonably obtainable scientific, technical, economic, or other evidence and information available concerning the need for, consequences of, and alternatives to the rule?  
Yes       No
  
3. In consideration of the alternatives to this rule, was this rule determined by the agency to be the least costly rule considered? Yes       No

If no, please explain:

(a) how the additional benefits of the more costly rule justify its additional cost;

(b) the reason for adoption of the more costly rule;

(c) whether the reason for adoption of the more costly rule is based on the interests of public health, safety, or welfare, and if so, how; and

(d) whether the reason for adoption of the more costly rule is within the scope of the agency's statutory authority, and if so, how.

4. If the purpose of this rule is to implement a *federal* rule or regulation, please state the following:
  - (a) What is the cost to implement the federal rule or regulation?

**Current Fiscal Year**

General Revenue \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
Cash Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Revenue \_\_\_\_\_  
Other (Identify) \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Total \_\_\_\_\_

**Next Fiscal Year**

General Revenue \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
Cash Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Revenue \_\_\_\_\_  
Other (Identify) \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Total \_\_\_\_\_

(b) What is the additional cost of the state rule?

**Current Fiscal Year**

General Revenue \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
Cash Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Revenue \_\_\_\_\_  
Other (Identify) \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Total \_\_\_\_\_

**Next Fiscal Year**

General Revenue \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
Cash Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Revenue \_\_\_\_\_  
Other (Identify) \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Total \_\_\_\_\_

5. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to any private individual, private entity, or private business subject to the proposed, amended, or repealed rule? Please identify those subject to the rule, and explain how they are affected.

**Current Fiscal Year**

\$ 0.00

**Next Fiscal Year**

\$ 0.00

There is no direct financial impact to private individuals, private entities, or private businesses.

6. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to a state, county, or municipal government to implement this rule? Is this the cost of the program or grant? Please explain how the government is affected.

**Current Fiscal Year**

\$ 0.00

**Next Fiscal Year**

\$ 0.00

The Division of State Parks will incur some expenses in implementing this rule. The Division anticipates some costs associated with additional training in locations currently without alcoholic beverage service, and possible equipment upgrades. However, the Division anticipates any initial financial impact will be offset by sales and the ability to purchase alcohol from wholesalers.

7. With respect to the agency's answers to Questions #5 and #6 above, is there a new or increased cost or obligation of at least one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) per year to a private individual, private entity, private business, state government, county government, municipal government, or to two (2) or more of those entities combined?

Yes  No

If yes, the agency is required by Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-204(e)(4) to file written findings at the time of filing the financial impact statement. The written findings shall be filed simultaneously with the financial impact statement and shall include, without limitation, the following:

- (1) a statement of the rule's basis and purpose;
- (2) the problem the agency seeks to address with the proposed rule, including a statement of whether a rule is required by statute;
- (3) a description of the factual evidence that:
  - (a) justifies the agency's need for the proposed rule; and
  - (b) describes how the benefits of the rule meet the relevant statutory objectives and justify the rule's costs;
- (4) a list of less costly alternatives to the proposed rule and the reasons why the alternatives do not adequately address the problem to be solved by the proposed rule;
- (5) a list of alternatives to the proposed rule that were suggested as a result of public comment and the reasons why the alternatives do not adequately address the problem to be solved by the proposed rule;
- (6) a statement of whether existing rules have created or contributed to the problem the agency seeks to address with the proposed rule and, if existing rules have created or contributed to the problem, an explanation of why amendment or repeal of the rule creating or contributing to the problem is not a sufficient response; and
- (7) an agency plan for review of the rule no less than every ten (10) years to determine whether, based upon the evidence, there remains a need for the rule including, without limitation, whether:
  - (a) the rule is achieving the statutory objectives;
  - (b) the benefits of the rule continue to justify its costs; and
  - (c) the rule can be amended or repealed to reduce costs while continuing to achieve the statutory objectives.