QUESTIONNAIRE FOR FILING PROPOSED RULES WITH THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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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, 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, 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?
   RULES Including General Installation & Anchoring Specifications

2. What is the subject of the proposed rule?
   Adjustment of the maximum civil penalty amounts

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.

24 CFR §§ 3282.10 and .302(b)(3), as adjusted by the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act

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 391 of 2023; Arkansas Code § 20-25-106

7. Are two (2) rules being repealed in accord with Executive Order 23-02? Yes ☑ No ☐

If yes, please list the rules being repealed.

If no, please explain.

To implement the federal mandate this Rule will repeal and replace the existing civil penalty limits of Section 300 (E)(3), Section 306(A)(2) and (3), and Section 404(I)(3).

8. 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.
9. 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).

Arkansas Code § 20-25-106

10. 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 391 of 2023

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

Adjustment of the maximum civil penalty amounts in accordance with the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act to allow the agency to meet the requirements for a HUD-approved State Plan and retain federal funding. Section 306(A)(2) also implements Act 391’s clarification that a civil penalty is not abated by a subsequent suspension, revocation, surrender, or failure or refusal to renew a license.
12. 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://www.labor.arkansas.gov/news/proposed-rule-making/

13. Will a public hearing be held on this proposed rule? Yes ☐ No ☑
If yes, please complete the following:
Date:_____________________________________
Time:_______________________________________
Place:_______________________________________

Please be sure to advise Bureau Staff if this information changes for any reason.

14. On what date does the public comment period expire for the permanent promulgation of the rule? Please provide the specific date. ___________________________________________

15. What is the proposed effective date for this rule? Ten days after filing with the Secretary of State after appr

16. 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.

17. Please attach proof of filing the rule with the Secretary of State, as required by Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-204(e)(1)(A).

18. 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.

19. Is the rule expected to be controversial? Yes ☐ No ☑
If yes, please explain.
FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS COMPLETELY.

DEPARTMENT____________________________________________________________________

BOARD/COMMISSION________________________________________________________________

PERSON COMPLETING THIS STATEMENT____________________________________________

TELEPHONE NO._______________ EMAIL_____________________________________________

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________________________________________________________________

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?  No cost

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

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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.

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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.

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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.