

## Minutes

### RED TAPE REDUCTION WORKING GROUP (RTRWG)

Monday, July 17, 2018

9:00 A.M.

Big Mac Building

5<sup>th</sup> Floor Room-B

Little Rock, Arkansas

#### **Committee Members Present**

Senator John Cooper, Co-Chair, Representative Bruce Cozart, Co-Chair; Senator Bart Hester; Representatives LeAnne Burch, Milton Nicks, and Richard Womack; Director Daryl Basset, Arkansas Department of Workforce Services (ADWS); Director Leon Jones, Arkansas Department of Labor (DOL), Ms. Lula Dixon (LSW), Mr. Bob Kucheravy, Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC)/Consumer Representative and Deputy Attorney General Brian Bowen

#### **Committee Members Absent**

Senators Jane English, Missy Irvin, and Trent Garner; Representative Jeff Williams, Mr. Bill Gossage and Dr. Charisse Childers

Sen. Cooper called the meeting to order.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made and seconded to accept and approve the minutes from the June 18, 2018, RTRWG meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### **Advisory Group Update From Gary Isom**

The Advisory Group reported the following information:

- The final survey was sent out to 87 agencies and boards with a survey response due date of August 24, 2018, and Dr. Derek Slagle will be compiling the results as they come in;
- The Advisory Group will continue its work facilitating communication between the OLAG and licensing agencies;
- They will also continue their work:
  - developing a self assessment tool for licensing agencies; and
  - looking at potential legislative issues on which to recommend action.

- They plan to deliver a report to the RTRWG in September that will include recommended action items for the 2019 legislative session, in addition to recommendations for future action items; and
- With regard to barriers to those with a criminal history, OLAG recommends that looking at how applicants sealed and expunged records are viewed.

**Arkansas State Board of Barber Examiners— Michael Wooldridge, Director**

Mr. Wooldridge presented the following key points:

- Only five (5) complaints were received in the calendar year of 2017;
- A barber must complete 1500 hours to become licensed, and if a person just wants to become an aesthetician, only 600 hours of class work is required to obtain a license;
- The age requirement for a barber is 16 years old, with at least a GED, and a written test and practical test must be taken and passed;
- Licenses are usually issued within two days if all required documents are submitted; and
- All information on barber licensure and renewals, including rules/regulations and board members, can be found at ARbarber.com.

OLAG members presented questions regarding the curriculum for barber licensure, material barriers to licensure within the field, conflict of interest with regard to board members who have interest in a barber school, apprenticeship programs, and combining oversight of licensure for cosmetology and barber licensure under one board. Discussion followed.

**Arkansas State Board of Cosmetology—Kelli Kersey, Director; Robert Brech, ADH General Counsel**

Ms. Kersey presented the following:

- State Board of Cosmetology is under the administration of the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH);
- An Arkansas cosmetologist must be 21 years old and has to complete 1500 hours of class work with 600 hours of instruction;
- Lifetime license is issued at 65 years old or 30 years of experience;
- Students can take the test multiple times;
- One hundred-forty-four (144) complaints were filed in 2017, and all complaints are viewed but not all are substantiated;
- Any complaints dealing with unlicensed practitioners or any health and safety issue receive priority;
- The Cosmetology license includes hair, nails, waxing and aesthetics; and
- All cosmetology written and clinical licensing exams deal with health and safety only, not technique.

OLAG members presented questions regarding curriculum for cosmetology school, material barriers to licensure within the field, potential for breaking out licensure among the different areas (hair cutting, color, waxing, nails, etc.), combining oversight of licensure for cosmetology and barber licensure under one board, federal funding opportunities for cosmetology students, potential for temporary licensure for any out-of-state licensed cosmetologist, whether

individuals should have the right to decide whether or not to operate under a license, and whether there is any potential for the board to accept liability with regard to individuals holding licenses in an effort to help lower the cost of insurance now required of practitioners.

Discussion followed.

**Arkansas Contractors Licensing Board—Gregory Crow, Administrator; Scott Copas, Board Member**

Gregory Crow provided the following information:

- In 2011 the Board tried to alleviate as many burdens as possible on contractors' financial statements;
- A minimum threshold is allowed for contractors;
- A person working for a contracting business is not necessarily a licensed contractor, as sub-contractors are only required to register;
- The experience requirement has changed recently:
  - Dropped from five years to one year; and
  - Exceptions exist for major contractor in which there is a proposed drop from five years to three years for major contractors.
- Arkansas has 17,000 licensees;
- Arkansas has the least expensive fee in the country for contractors licenses;
- There is very little delay in issuing the license;
- The Board issues the license, not the staff;
- A contractor's license isn't required for individual workers of a licensed company (ex. Nabholz Construction); and
- It is important to do a good job of educating individuals on what they can and can't do with their chosen license.

OLAG members presented questions regarding any potential legislative issues the Board might bring forth to the RTRWG for consideration. Discussion followed.

**Arkansas State Plant Board—Terry Walker, Director; Scott Bray, Plant Industry Division Director; Paul Shell, Agriculture Program Manager**

Terry Walker shared the following information:

- The Board enforces thirty (30) statutes, and twenty-two(22) licenses are administered by the agency;
- The licenses administered by the agency are inexpensive;
- Many inspections are conducted to ensure consumers are receiving quality products when purchasing; and
- The Board does not feel that there are many barriers in the way of individuals wanting to obtain a license and enter into business.

OLAG members presented questions regarding any potential legislative issues the Board might have coming through the pipeline soon. Discussion followed regarding potential legislative issues that will deal with industrial hemp.

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**Next Group of Entities to Be Invited to Present**

Arkansas Department of Labor Elevator Safety Division (Greg Tipton)

Arkansas Department of Labor Board of Electrical Examiners (Charles Covington)

Arkansas Veterinary Medical Examining Board (Cara Tharp)

Arkansas Board of Landscaping, Architecture and Interior Design (Kingsley Glasgow)

**Other Business**

The next meeting will be Monday, August 20, 2018, 9:00 am, Big Mac Building, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room-B. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 am.