

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

EO 15-02

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME -- GREETINGS:

EXECUTIVE ORDER REQUIRING GOVERNOR REVIEW OF STATE AGENCY RULES AND REGULATIONS PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO A LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

WHEREAS: The increasing number, complexity and cost of government regulations impose a significant burden on businesses; and

WHEREAS: The agencies must ensure that rules and regulations promulgated by agencies do not unnecessarily create entry barriers, stifle entrepreneurial activity or curb innovation; and

WHEREAS: In the course of developing new rules and regulations and amending existing ones, it is important these agencies seek approval of the Governor; and

WHEREAS: It is the policy of this administration to prohibit unnecessary rules and regulations that burden businesses;

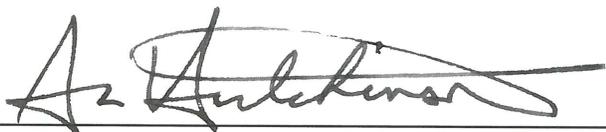
NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, acting under the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Arkansas, do hereby order the following:

1. That all state offices, departments and agencies, unless granted an exemption by the Governor, shall submit all proposed new rules and regulations and amendments to existing rules and regulations to the Governor for approval.
2. That before submitting proposed rules or regulations for review by a legislative committee of the General Assembly, proposed rules and regulations must first be approved by the Governor.
3. That upon a determination by the Governor that a rule or regulation unnecessarily burdens businesses, that rule or regulation shall not be submitted to a legislative committee of the General Assembly nor shall the rule or regulation become effective.

This Executive Order shall become effective upon its signing, and shall remain in full force and effect until amended or rescinded by further executive orders.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed at the Capitol in Little Rock on the 14th day of January, in the year of our Lord 2015.




ASA HUTCHINSON, GOVERNOR


MARK MARTIN, SECRETARY OF STATE