

**67-19-15.1 Implementation of exempt status for Schedule AD and AR employees.**

- (1) As used in this section, "appointee" means:
  - (a) a deputy director;
  - (b) a division director;
  - (c) any assistant directors and administrative assistants who report directly to a department head, deputy director, or their equivalent; and
  - (d) any other person whose appointment is required by law to be approved by the governor.
- (2) After the effective date of this chapter, any new appointee is a merit exempt employee.
- (3) Notwithstanding the requirements of this chapter, any appointee who is currently a nonexempt employee does not lose that nonexempt status because of this chapter.
- (4) The Department of Human Resource Management shall develop financial and other incentives to encourage appointees who are nonexempt to voluntarily convert to merit exempt status.

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