

**Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.**

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## A Bill

**Act 362 of 2001**  
SENATE BILL 274

5 By: Senators Hill, *J. Jeffress*  
6 By: Representatives Teague, *Boyd, Bennett, G. Jeffress, Oglesby, Scroggin*  
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### For An Act To Be Entitled

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11 THE ARKANSAS FORESTRY COMMISSION AND FIRE CREWS UNDER  
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13 SUPPRESSING WILDFIRES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 20-22-301, concerning Arkansas Forestry  
26 Commission employees, is amended to read as follows:

27 20-22-301. Enforcement - Nonliability.

28 (a) The Arkansas Forestry Commission shall designate those employees  
29 who shall have the powers of peace officers in the enforcement of the fire  
30 laws, the theft of property laws to the extent that they apply to theft of  
31 timber, the laws pertaining to the unlawful disposal of solid waste when the  
32 unlawful disposal occurs on forest land, and any criminal laws pertaining to  
33 the unlawful damage, vandalism, or theft of personal property when the  
34 personal property is used in forestry or logging operations.

35 (b) ~~They~~ Arkansas Forestry Commission employees and fire crews under  
36 their direction or control shall be allowed to enter any lands and construct

1 fire lines and set backfires, and obtain water, if necessary, to stop a fire  
2 then actually burning or to do other work necessary in the performance of  
3 their duties without liability for trespass or reasonable damage therefrom.

4 (c) Upon request of the landowner or the landowner's agent and after  
5 the wildfire danger has subsided, the Arkansas Forestry Commission or fire  
6 crews under their direction or control will replace the water obtained under  
7 the authority of this section.

8 */s/ Hill*

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