

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1991**
4 **By: Representative Baker**

A Bill

HOUSE BILL

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAFETY OF PIPELINES; AND FOR OTHER
9 PURPOSES."

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11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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13 SECTION 1. (a) Any person who welds on any pipeline in the state must
14 qualify semiannually under Section IX of the ASME Boiler Pressure Vessel Code.

15 (b) Each weld made on any pipeline must be X-rayed by a licensed
16 contractor under Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 22.

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18 SECTION 2. Any pipeline that is thirty (30) years old or older and
19 carries any product that could pollute the environment or cause a public
20 hazard in the event of a leak shall be pressure tested to two times the
21 regular pressure of its normal operation at least once every thirty-six (36)
22 months.

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24 SECTION 3. (a) No new pipeline or any new portion of a pipeline that
25 carries any product that could pollute the environment or create a public
26 hazard in the event of a leak shall be exposed above ground unless it is
27 encased in another pipe or an enclosure of steel of at least one-half (1/2)
28 inch thick.

29 (b) Any pipeline or part thereof that is currently exposed above ground
30 and does not meet the standards for a new pipeline under subsection (a) shall
31 have barricades placed around it of substantial structure to prevent direct
32 contact or collision with that part of exposed pipeline.

33 (c) (1) The portion of a pipeline exposed above ground shall display
34 warning signs with lettering of at least 3" by 3" and maintained in a legible
35 manner. This warning shall state the potential dangers of vandalism to the

1 pipeline. If over one thousand (1,000) feet of the pipeline is exposed above
2 ground, the warning sign shall be displayed at least every one-thousand
3 (1,000) feet.

4 (2) Residents who live within one half (1/2) mile of any exposed
5 pipeline or portion thereof shall be advised in writing by the pipeline
6 company of the dangers that could exist in case of a leak. The residents
7 shall also be advised, in writing, by the pipeline company as to adequate
8 evacuation procedures in the event of a leak.

9 (d) Each pipeline company shall implement and maintain adequate
10 evacuation plans in regard to each and all exposed pipelines or portions
11 thereof.

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13 SECTION 4. (a) Each pipeline company shall install shut-off valves
14 that would prevent leakage from a pipeline for more than thirty (30) minutes.

15 (b) Each pipeline company shall submit plans to the Public Service
16 Commission, within twelve (12) months after the effective date of this act,
17 for the installation of the shut-off valves. The plan shall provide for the
18 installation and implementation of the valves within the thirty-six (36)
19 months after the effective date of this act.

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21 SECTION 5. Any contractor who performs any work in relation to any
22 pipeline that carries materials that could pollute the environment or create a
23 public hazard upon leakage shall possess and maintain a current Arkansas
24 contractor's license under Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 22, and shall
25 maintain a public liability insurance of a minimum of five million dollars
26 (\$5,000,000).

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28 SECTION 6. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
29 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
30 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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32 SECTION 7. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
33 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
34 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
35 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this

1 act are declared to be severable.

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3 SECTION 8. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are
4 hereby repealed.

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