

1 **State of Arkansas**

2 **79th General Assembly**

3 **Regular Session, 1993**

4 **By: Representative Hawkins**

# A Bill

**HOUSE BILL**

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## 7 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED §8-7-805 TO  
9 REQUIRE THE BONDING OF PERSONS OR ENTITIES WHO REMOVE,  
10 REPAIR, CLOSE OR UPGRADE ANY UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK; TO  
11 ELIMINATE THE PROVISION ALLOWING ONLY CERTAIN OWNERS OR  
12 OPERATORS TO BE THE PAYEE OF THE BOND; TO ELIMINATE THE  
13 OPTION OF PURCHASING INSURANCE IN LIEU OF A BOND; AND FOR  
14 OTHER PURPOSES."

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## **Subtitle**

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18 "AN ACT TO AMEND A.C.A. §8-7-805 TO CHANGE THE BONDING

19 REQUIREMENTS."

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

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SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Ann. §8-7-805 is hereby amended to read as  
follows:

"8-7-805. License requirement.

(a) It shall be unlawful for an individual to certify the installation  
or testing of an underground storage tank unless the individual has been duly  
licensed by the department.

(b) (1) Furthermore, no licensee shall install, remove, repair, close,  
upgrade, or test any underground storage tank unless the licensee or the  
contracting company by whom he is employed has purchased a surety bond:

(A) In the amount of at least twenty-five thousand dollars  
(\$25,000); and

(B) Which states that the Arkansas Department of Pollution  
Control and Ecology is the obligee of the bond; and

(2) The bond must be issued by a company licensed to do business

1 in the State of Arkansas and executed by a resident Arkansas agent. The mere  
2 countersigning by an Arkansas agent will not suffice.

3           (c) Licensees whose installation or testing activities are limited to  
4 their own or employer's companies' underground storage tanks are exempt from  
5 the requirement to meet the financial responsibility requirements provided by  
6 this section."

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8           SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
9 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
10 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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12           SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
13 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
14 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
15 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
16 act are declared to be severable.

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18           SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
19 hereby repealed.

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