

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
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4 **By: Senator Edwards**

A Bill

SENATE BILL

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 8-5-204 TO PROVIDE THAT
9 TWO (2) NEW MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS WASTEWATER LICENSING
10 COMMITTEE SHALL BE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATORS
11 EMPLOYED BY PRIVATE INDUSTRY; TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 8-
12 5-205 TO CHARGE THE POLLUTION CONTROL AND ECOLOGY
13 COMMISSION WITH AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE FINANCIALLY IN
14 PROGRAMS SPONSORED BY THE ARKANSAS WATER ENVIRONMENT
15 ASSOCIATION NOT TO EXCEED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)
16 PER FISCAL YEAR; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

18 "AN ACT TO ADD TWO (2) MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS WASTEWATER
19 LICENSING COMMITTEE AND AUTHORIZE PC&E TO FINANCIALLY
20 SUPPORT PROGRAMS BY THE PRIVATE ASSOCIATION.
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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 § 8-5-204 is hereby amended to read as
26 follows:

27 "8-5-204. Licensing committee.

28 (a) There is created and established a licensing committee to advise
29 and assist the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission in the
30 administration of the licensing program, which shall be composed of eight (8)
31 members:

32 (1) Five (5) members, to be appointed by the commission, of
33 which, three (3) members shall be active wastewater treatment plant operators
34 licensed by the commission and two (2) members shall be employed by a private
35 corporation or industry located in Arkansas and nominated at large by the

1 corporations or industries for service on the committee;

2 (2) One (1) member, to be appointed by the commission, shall be
3 an employee of a municipality operating a wastewater treatment plant who holds
4 the position of the chief administrative officer, city engineer, director of
5 public utilities, or other equivalent position;

6 (3) One (1) member, to be appointed by the commission, shall be a
7 faculty member of an accredited college, university, or professional school in
8 the state whose major field is related to water resources or sanitary
9 engineering;

10 (4) One (1) member shall be the Director of the Department of
11 Pollution Control and Ecology, or a qualified member of his staff, who shall
12 act as executive secretary of the licensing committee.

13 (b) (1) In the event of a vacancy, a new member shall be appointed by
14 the commission to serve out the unexpired term.

15 (2) No member shall serve more than two (2) consecutive three-
16 year terms.

17 (c) (1) State agency members of the licensing committee shall receive no
18 additional salary or per diem for their services as members of the committee,
19 but they shall be allowed their travel and maintenance expenses while
20 attending meetings away from Little Rock.

21 (2) The members appointed by the commission shall be allowed
22 twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per day plus their travel and maintenance
23 expenses while attending meetings."
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25 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 8-5-205 is hereby amended to read as
26 follows:

27 "8-5-205. Powers and duties generally.

28 The Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission shall be charged
29 with the responsibility of administering and enforcing this subchapter, with
30 the advice and assistance of the licensing committee, and is given and charged
31 with the following powers and duties:

32 (1) To adopt rules and regulations implementing and effectuating such
33 powers and duties of the commission under this subchapter as may be necessary
34 for the administration and enforcement thereof;

35 (2) To conduct examinations for licensing, which shall be conducted at

1 least annually and more frequently as the commission shall deem necessary;

2 (3) To issue licenses to qualified wastewater treatment plant
3 operators, to renew these licenses, and to suspend or revoke the licenses for
4 cause, after due notice and hearing;

5 (4) To institute court proceedings to compel compliance with the
6 provisions of this subchapter and rules and regulations issued pursuant
7 thereto; and

8 (5) To participate financially in programs sponsored by the Arkansas
9 Water Environment Association, or its successor, provided that the
10 participation shall not exceed the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per
11 fiscal year."

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13 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of general and permanent nature
14 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
15 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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17 SECTION 4. If any provisions of this act or the application thereof to
18 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect
19 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
20 the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this
21 act are declared to be severable.

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23 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
24 hereby repealed.

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