

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1993**

A Bill

SENATE BILL

4 **By: Senators Gwatney, Everett and Lewellen**

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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"AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE ARKANSAS
9 FORESTRY COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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Subtitle

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"AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE ARKANSAS
13 FORESTRY COMMISSION."

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

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17 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 26-61-103 is amended to read as follows:

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"26-61-103. Levy of Tax.

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There is levied on all timberlands in this state an annual tax of
20 fifteen cents (15¢) per acre to be collected in the manner provided in this
21 chapter for deposit in the State Treasury for credit to the State Forestry
22 Fund Account as special revenues to be used for the maintenance, operation,
23 and improvement of the Arkansas Forestry Commission in its statewide program
24 for the detection, prevention, and suppression of forest fires."

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26 SECTION 2. The Arkansas Forestry Commission is hereby authorized to
27 charge private landowners a rate not to exceed four dollars (\$4.00) per acre
28 for the preparation of Timber Management Plans. The proceeds from the charge
29 shall be used to provide for the maintenance, operation, and improvement of
30 the Arkansas Forestry Commission.

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32 SECTION 3. The Arkansas Forestry Commission is hereby authorized to
33 promulgate such rules and regulations necessary to administer the fees, rates,
34 tolls, or charges for services established by this act and is directed to
35 prescribe and collect such fees, rates, tolls, or charges for the services

1 delivered by the Arkansas Forestry Commission in such manner as may be
2 necessary to support the programs of the commission as directed by the
3 Governor and Legislature.

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5 SECTION 4. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
6 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
7 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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9 SECTION 5. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
10 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
11 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
12 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
13 act are declared to be severable.

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15 SECTION 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
16 hereby repealed.

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18 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General
19 Assembly that the State Forestry Commission is in need of additional funds in
20 order to continue and improve its statewide program of forest fire protection
21 and to defray the costs of its programs for the development, protection, and
22 preservation of the forest lands in the state. Therefore, an emergency is
23 hereby declared to exist and this act being necessary for the immediate
24 preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and
25 effect from and after its passage and approval.

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