

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

HOUSE BILL 2541

5 By: Representative Judy
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CONVENIENCE CENTERS TO SERVE
10 AS ALTERNATIVE COLLECTION SITES FOR HOUSEHOLD,
11 BUSINESS, AND INDUSTRIAL WASTE; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CONVENIENCE CENTERS
15 TO SERVE AS ALTERNATIVE COLLECTION SITES
16 FOR HOUSEHOLD AND BUSINESS WASTE.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 8, Chapter 6, Subchapter 2 is amended
23 to add an additional section to read as follows:

24 8-6-223. Convenience centers.

25 (a) "Convenience centers" means staffed facilities primarily
26 established for the collection of bagged waste identified by regulation of
27 the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission as Class 1 or Class 4
28 from individual households, businesses, and industries.

29 (b)(1) Convenience centers are exempted from the permitting
30 requirements of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality.

31 (2) Convenience centers shall not be considered transfer
32 stations.

33 (c) Convenience centers shall:

34 (1) Be fenced and locked to prevent entry during hours the
35 facility is not open for business;

36 (2) Be staffed during hours the facility is open for business;



1 (3) Accept only waste identified by regulation of the Arkansas
2 Pollution Control and Ecology Commission as Class 1 or Class 4 and
3 recyclables from households, businesses, and industries that have been bagged
4 and closed;

5 (4) Not accept any waste from commercial waste haulers;

6 (5) Collect all Class 1 waste in a separate enclosed container;

7 (6) Deliver waste collected at the center to a permitted
8 transfer station, solid waste management facility, or landfill as needed, but
9 at least monthly;

10 (7) Be encouraged to accept a minimum of three (3) types of
11 recyclable materials; and

12 (8) Deliver all recycled materials collected at the center to a
13 materials recovery facility for recycling.

14 (d)(1) A person who operates a convenience center shall notify the
15 Solid Waste Division of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality
16 thirty (30) days before beginning operations.

17 (2) The notification shall include the following information:

18 (A) The location of the facility, including latitude and
19 longitude;

20 (B) The owner's name, address, and telephone number;

21 (C) The operator's name, address, and telephone number;

22 (D) The days and hours of operation;

23 (E) The materials to be collected;

24 (F) The location at which the waste will be delivered for
25 transfer or disposal;

26 (G) The location at which recyclable materials will be
27 delivered for processing and recycling;

28 (H) A seven and five-tenths (7.5) minute topographic quad
29 map as prepared according to the Unified Soil Classification System showing
30 the location of the facility; and

31 (I) A certification from a regional solid waste management
32 district showing that the facility meets all relevant regulations of the
33 district.

34 (3)(A) Within ten (10) days of receipt of the notice required under
35 subdivision (d)(1) of this section, the department shall inform the person
36 whether the required notice does or does not completely meet the notification

1 requirements under subdivision (d)(2) of this section.

2 (B) If the required notice is complete, the person may
3 begin operating the convenience center.

4 (C) If the required notice is not complete, the person
5 shall complete the notice before beginning operation of the convenience
6 center.

7 (e) Operators of convenience centers shall maintain a Level B,
8 Journeyman's, license issued by the Arkansas Department of Environmental
9 Quality under Regulation 27.

10 (f)(1) Regional solid waste management districts shall survey each
11 convenience center at least quarterly and if the survey identifies any
12 violations of the district's regulations, the district shall:

13 (A) Close the convenience center; and

14 (B) Notify the Arkansas Department of Environmental
15 Quality that the certification has been rescinded.

16 (2)(A) A convenience center may request a new survey, at any
17 time after a closure by the regional solid waste management district.

18 (B) If the district finds that the center has returned to
19 compliance with the district's regulations, the district shall immediately:

20 (i) Rescind the closure; and

21 (ii) Notify the Arkansas Department of Environmental
22 Quality that the center has returned to compliance.

23 (g) The Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission may adopt
24 rules and regulations to carry out the intent and purposes of and to ensure
25 compliance with this section.

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27 /s/ Judy
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