

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

15 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CONVENIENCE CENTERS
16 TO SERVE AS ALTERNATIVE COLLECTION SITES
17 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) There is established a pilot program to authorize the creation
30 of convenience centers within the Tri-County Regional Solid Waste Management
31 District and the Northwest Arkansas Regional Solid Waste Management District
32 that are exempted from the permitting requirements of the Arkansas Department
33 of Environmental Quality.

34 (2) Convenience centers shall not be considered transfer
35 stations.

36 (c) Convenience centers shall:



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 (A) The location of the facility, including latitude and
22 longitude;

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

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

25 (D) The days and hours of operation;

26 (E) The materials to be collected;

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

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

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

34 (I) A certification from a regional solid waste management
35 district showing that the facility meets all relevant regulations of the
36 district.

1 (3)(A) Within ten (10) days of receipt of the notice required under
2 subdivision (d)(1) of this section, the department shall inform the person
3 whether the required notice does or does not completely meet the notification
4 requirements under subdivision (d)(2) of this section.

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

7 (C) If the required notice is not complete, the person
8 shall complete the notice before beginning operation of the convenience
9 center.

10 (e) Operators of convenience centers shall maintain a Level B,
11 Journeyman’s, license issued by the Arkansas Department of Environmental
12 Quality under Regulation 27.

13 (f)(1) Regional solid waste management districts shall survey each
14 convenience center at least quarterly and if the survey identifies any
15 violations of the district’s regulations, the district shall:

16 (A) Close the convenience center; and

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

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

21 (B) If the district finds that the center has returned to
22 compliance with the district’s regulations, the district shall immediately:

23 (i) Rescind the closure; and

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

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

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30 /s/ Judy
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