

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.

1 State of Arkansas
2 84th General Assembly
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2806

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5 By: Representative Judy
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PRESCRIBE THE MINIMUM TECHNICAL
10 QUALIFICATIONS FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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14 TO PRESCRIBE THE MINIMUM TECHNICAL
15 QUALIFICATIONS FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF
16 THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. (a) In order to improve the technical expertise and
23 technical advice offered on Arkansas' environment, the technical expertise at
24 the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality shall be improved by setting
25 minimum levels of technical expertise for branches with the department.

26 (b) The manager of any technical branch of Arkansas Department of
27 Environmental Quality shall be a professional engineer registered in the
28 State of Arkansas.

29 (c)(1) In any technical branch of Arkansas Department of Environmental
30 Quality, any employee who reviews plans and specifications shall become an
31 engineer in training within twelve (12) months of the employee's date of
32 employment.

33 (2) Any geologist employed by the department shall become
34 licensed in Arkansas as a professional geologist within twelve (12) months of
35 the employee's date of employment

36 (d) Beginning at the first meeting of the Arkansas Legislative Council



1 after October 1, 2003, and each calendar quarter after that date, the
2 department shall make quarterly reports to the Pollution Control and Ecology
3 Commission and to the Arkansas Legislative Council and its Committee on
4 Personnel Classification and Compensation Plan.

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6 SECTION 2. (a)(1) All personnel of the Department of Environmental
7 Quality who perform inspections shall be separated into a separate area of
8 the Technical Branch identified as the Inspection Group.

9 (2) Inspectors of the Inspection Group shall report to the
10 Technical Branch Manager.

11 (b) Members of the Inspection Group shall undergo initial technical
12 training and continuing education as developed by the department and approved
13 by the Pollution Control and Ecology Commission.

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15 SECTION 3. All enforcement actions taken by Arkansas Department of
16 Environmental Quality shall follow the appropriate state laws, and rules and
17 regulations, as approved by the Pollution Control and Ecology Commission.

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