

"AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 1 OF ACT 71 OF 1973 [ARK. STAT. 71-2501], THE SEPTIC TANK CLEANERS LICENSURE ACT, TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL FEE AND PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR EACH ADDITIONAL VEHICLE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Act 71 of 1973, the same being Arkansas Statute 71-2501, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. (a) No person, firm, corporation, partnership, or association shall engage in the business of septic tank cleaning for compensation without first obtaining a license as provided herein.

(b) Any person, firm, corporation, partnership, or association desiring to obtain a license for engaging in the business of septic tank cleaning shall make application to the Arkansas Department of Health and shall prove to the satisfaction of the Director of the Arkansas Department of Health, or his representative, that he is morally and financially responsible.

(c) The license required by this Act shall be valid for one (1) year from the date of issue and shall bear an identifying number and an annual fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) shall be charged for the issuance of said license. In addition to this annual licensure fee, an annual fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) shall be charged for every tank pumper vehicle above the first vehicle owned by the person, firm, corporation, partnership or association in the business of septic tank cleaning which is used in the operation of that business."

(d) Subject to such rules and regulations as may be implemented by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Disbursing Officer for the Department of Health is hereby authorized to transfer all unexpended funds relative to septic tank cleaners' licenses that pertain to fees collected, as certified by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, to be carried forward and made available for expenditures for the same purpose for any following fiscal year.

SECTION 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that due to current economic conditions, budgetary constraints may limit the ability of the Department of Health to adequately provide needed services unless some license fees are increased; that it is most equitable to make this increase effective July 1, 1987. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act shall become effective July 1, 1987.

APPROVED: April 7, 1987

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