1	State of Arkansas 82nd General Assembly	A Bill	Act 599 of	1 99 9	
3	Regular Session, 1999		HOUSE BILL	1671	
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5	By: Representative Bevis				
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8		For An Act To Be Entitled			
9	"AN ACT TO AMEND THE PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK TRUST FUND				
10	ACT PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN TITLE 8, CHAPTER 7 OF THE				
11	ARKANSAS	S CODE OF 1987 ANNOTATED, TO LOWER THE AR	KANSAS		
12	PETROLEI	UM STORAGE TANK TRUST FUND DEDUCTIBLES FO	R		
13	CORRECT	IVE ACTION AND THIRD-PARTY COVERAGE."			
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15		Subtitle			
16	"A	N ACT TO LOWER THE ARKANSAS PETROLEUM			
17	ST	ORAGE TANK TRUST FUND DEDUCTIBLES FOR			
18	CO	RRECTIVE ACTION AND THIRD-PARTY			
19	CO	VERAGE. "			
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22	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:				
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24	SECTION 1. A	rkansas Code Section 8-7-907 (a) is amend	ed to read as		
25	follows:				
26	"(a) No payme	ent for corrective action shall be paid f	rom the fund ι	unti I	
27	the owner or operato	or has expended <u>seven thousand five hundr</u>	ed dollars		
28	(\$7,500) fifteen the	ousand dollars (\$15,000) on corrective ac	tion for the		
29	occurrence, except in cases where the director is using his emergency				
30	authority under \S 8-7-905(e). It is the intent of the General Assembly that			at	
31	this initial level of expenditure be considered the equivalent of an insurance			-ance	
32	policy deductible. Owners or operators of underground storage tanks must				
33	demonstrate financia	al responsibility for the <u>seven thousand</u>	five hundred		
34	dollars (\$7,500) fi	fteen thousand dollar (\$15,000) deductibl	e for correcti	ve	
35	actions."				

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1	SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 8-7-908 (a) is hereby amended to read as		
2	follows:		
3	"(a) No payment to any owner or operator against whom a third-party		
4	claim is brought for bodily injury or property damage, or both, shall be paid		
5	from the fund until the owner or operator has expended seven thousand five		
6	hundred dollars (\$7,500) fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) on third-party		
7	claims for the occurrence, except in cases where the director is using his		
8	emergency authority under § 8-7-905(e). It is the intent of the General		
9	Assembly that this initial level of expenditure be considered the equivalent		
10	of an insurance policy deductible. Owners and operators of underground storage		
11	tanks must demonstrate financial responsibility for the <u>seven thousand five</u>		
12	hundred dollars (\$7,500) fifteen thousand dollar (\$15,000) deductible for		
13	third-party liability costs."		
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15	SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature		
16	are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code		
17	Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.		
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19	SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to		
20	any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect		
21	other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without		
22	the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this		
23	act are declared to be severable.		
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25	SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are		
26	hereby repealed.		
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29	APPROVED: 3/15/1999		
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