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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2157

5 By: Representative Jean  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE INTERPRETATION OF TERMS  
9 RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE; AND FOR OTHER  
10 PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

14 TO CLARIFY THE INTERPRETATION OF TERMS  
15 RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE.  
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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20 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 2, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1 is amended*  
21 *to add an additional section to read as follows:*

22 *2-1-102. Sustainable agriculture.*

23 *(a) As used in this section, "sustainable" includes without*  
24 *limitation:*

25 *(1) Science-based practices supported by research; and*

26 *(2) The use of technology that is demonstrated to lead to broad,*  
27 *outcomes-based performance improvements that:*

28 *(A) Meet the needs of the present; and*

29 *(B) Improve the ability of future generations to meet*  
30 *their needs while advancing progress toward environmental, social, and*  
31 *economic goals and the well-being of agricultural producers and rural*  
32 *communities.*

33 *(b) Sustainable agriculture may use continuous improvement principles*  
34 *with goals that include without limitation:*

35 *(1) Increasing agricultural productivity;*

36 *(2) Improving human health through access to safe, nutritious,*



1 and affordable food; and  
2 (3) Enhancing agricultural and surrounding environments,  
3 including without limitation water, soil, and air quality, biodiversity, and  
4 habitat preservation.

5 (c)(1) The Arkansas Agriculture Department and the State Plant Board  
6 shall interpret any administrative rule or regulation promulgated by a state  
7 or federal agency that establishes standards for harvesting or producing  
8 agricultural crops in accordance with the definition and guidelines provided  
9 in this section.

10 (2) This section does not apply to silviculture and any rules or  
11 regulations regarding silviculture.

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13 /s/Jean  
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