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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2141

5 By: Representative Hyde
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE DEFINITIONS REGARDING THE
9 REGULATION OF UNSANITARY CONDITIONS; TO DECLARE AN
10 EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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14 TO AMEND THE DEFINITIONS REGARDING THE
15 REGULATION OF UNSANITARY CONDITIONS AND
16 TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-54-903(a)(4), concerning the definition
22 of "unsafe and vacant structure," is amended to read as follows:

23 (4) "Unsafe and vacant structure" or an "abandoned home or
24 residential property" means:

25 (A) A ~~a~~ structure located on previously platted and
26 subdivided property that is not fit for human habitation and has been
27 declared unsafe and vacant by the city or town in which it is located in
28 violation of an applicable ordinance; or

29 (B) A home or residential property that is:

30 (i) Unoccupied;

31 (ii) In violation of a city safety standard; and

32 (iii) Located in an area eligible for federal funds
33 under § 14-54-905; and
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35 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 14, Chapter 54, Subchapter 9 is amended
36 to add a new section to read as follows:



1 14-54-905. Federal programs.

2 An owner of an abandoned home or residential property that is located
3 in a designated neighborhood stabilization or revitalization area may
4 voluntarily participate in a United States Department of Housing and Urban
5 Development's housing program if federal funds are available.

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7 SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
8 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that cities in Arkansas are facing
9 a significant increase in abandoned homes; that these homes can be a strain
10 on the cities and create unsafe conditions; and that this act is immediately
11 necessary because federal moneys are available to assist cities to combat
12 this problem. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act
13 being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health,
14 and safety shall become effective on:

15 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

16 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
17 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
18 bill; or

19 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
20 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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22 /s/Hyde

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25 **APPROVED: 03/31/2011**