State of Arkansas

As Engrossed: S3/4/19

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1512

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS PLANT ACT OF 1917; TO
CLARIFY AN EREGIOUS VIOLATION IN RELATION TO THE USE
OF CERTAIN HERBICIDES; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS PLANT ACT OF 1917;
TO CLARIFY AN EREGIOUS VIOLATION IN
RELATION TO CERTAIN HERBICIDES; AND TO
DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

egregious violations from dicamba or an auxin-containing herbicide, is
amended to read as follows:

(b) A violation is egregious only if

significant off-target crop damage occurred as a result of the application of
the application of one (1) of the following herbicides is used intentionally
in violation of the federal label requirements or a state law or rule
regarding its application:

(1) dicamba Dicamba;
(2) or an auxin-containing An auxin-
containing herbicide; or
(3) any A new herbicide technology
released after August 1, 2017.
SECTION 2.  EMERGENCY CLAUSE.  It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that delay in implementation of this act would hinder the State Plant Board from enforcing egregious violations during the 2019 growing season, which could have a detrimental impact on the state's agricultural economy. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

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

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

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

/s/Hillman

APPROVED: 3/11/19