1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: S3/20/97	
2	81st General Assembly	A Bill	ACT 1030 OF 1997
3	Regular Session, 1997		HOUSE BILL 1830
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5	By: Representatives Purdom, Hunton and Laverty	Y	
6	By: Senator Fitch		
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9	For	An Act To Be Entitled	
10	"AN ACT TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES TO CONTROL AND ERADICATE		
11	THISTLES IN THIS STATE	E; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."	
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13		Subtitle	
14	"TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES TO CONTROL AND		
15	ERADICATE THISTLES IN THIS STATE"		
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17	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL	ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKA	NSAS:
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19	SECTION 1. As a part of its assessment of activities and		
20	accomplishments, each conservation district in this state shall annually		
21	assess the thistle problem within the district and report to the Soil and		
22	Water Conservation Commission no later than September 30 each year regarding		
23	the extent of the thistle problem within the district and methods proposed to		
24	be used to eradicate and control the thistles. The Soil and Water		
25	Conservation Commission may provide financial assistance to the conservation		
26	districts from any funds avai	lable for that purpose.	
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28	SECTION 2. A coordinat	ed concerted effect by the va	rious agencies
29	affected by the thistle probl	em is necessary to realize a	proper remedy and
30	therefore it is hereby requested that the State Plant Board, State Forestry		
31	Commission, Soil and Water Conservation Commission, University of Arkansas		
32	Cooperative Extension Service, Natural Resource Conservation Service of the		
33	United States Department of Agriculture, the several conservation districts,		
34	and all other interested agencies cooperate with each other and coordinate		
35	their efforts toward the eradication of thistles in this state.		

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SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature 2 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code 3 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code. SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to 6 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect 7 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without 8 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this 9 act are declared to be severable. SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are 12 hereby repealed. /s/Purdom et al APPROVED: 4-02-97