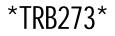
Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: S3/14/01		
2	83rd General Assembly	A Bill	Act 1188 of 2001	
3	Regular Session, 2001		SENATE BILL 830	
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5	By: Senator Mahony			
6	By: Representatives Low	ery, M. Smith		
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9		For An Act To Be Entitled		
10	AN AC	CT TO INCREASE THE ASSESSMENT FOR NATURAL	GAS	
11	PRODU	JCED AND SAVED; TO INCREASE THE ASSESSMEN	IT	
12	FOR E	BRINE PRODUCED AND SAVED OR SOLD FOR PURP	POSES	
13	OF TH	HE EXTRACTION OF CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES; TO		
14	REQUI	RE REVIEW BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OR	THE	
15	JOIN	T BUDGET COMMITTEE OF PROPOSED INCREASES	IN	
16	THE E	BRINE ASSESSMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.		
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19	A	N ACT TO INCREASE THE ASSESSMENT FOR		
20	PRODUCED AND SAVED NATURAL GAS AND BRINE			
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25	BE IT ENACTED BY TH	E GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKAN	SAS:	
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27	SECTION 1. A	rkansas Code 15-71-107 is amended to rea	d as follows:	
28	15-71-107. C	control or regulation of oil and gas prod	uction -	
29	Assessment on produ	ction - Use of money - Increase in asses	sment.	
30	(a) All comm	on sources of supply of crude oil discov	ered after January	
31	1, 1937, if so foun	d necessary by the commission, shall have	e the production	
32	of oil therefrom co	ntrolled or regulated in accordance with	the provisions of	
33	this act. The commi	ssion is authorized to assess from time	to time against	
34	each barrel of oil	produced and saved a charge not to excee	d twenty-five (25)	
35	<u>fifty (50)</u> mills on	each barrel. The charge which may be as	sessed hereunder	
36	shall apply to each	barrel of oil produced, including that	from common	



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sources of supply discovered prior to January 1, 1937. All moneys so
collected shall be used solely to pay the expenses and other costs in
connection with the administration of this law.

4 (b) All common sources of supply of natural gas discovered after January 1, 1937, if so found necessary by the commission, shall have the 5 6 production of gas therefrom controlled or regulated in accordance with the 7 provisions of this act. The commission is authorized to assess from time to time against each one thousand (1,000) cubic feet of gas produced and saved 8 9 from a gas well a charge not to exceed five (5) ten (10) mills on each one 10 thousand (1,000) cubic feet of gas. The charge which may be assessed 11 hereunder shall apply to each one thousand (1,000) cubic feet of gas 12 produced, including that from common sources of supply discovered prior to 13 January 1, 1937. All moneys so collected shall be used solely to pay the 14 expenses and other costs in connection with the administration of this law.

15 (c) Before the Oil and Gas Commission implements the collection 16 process of any increase in the millage assessment that may be authorized by 17 law on each barrel of oil or on each thousand cubic feet (1,000 cf) of gas, 18 the commission shall first seek review from the Arkansas Legislative Council 19 or the Joint Budget Committee.

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21 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 15-76-306(d), concerning the authority of the 22 Oil and Gas Commission, is amended to read as follows:

(d) The commission is authorized to assess each producer of brine a charge not to exceed twenty five cents (25¢) fifty cents (50¢) on each one thousand (1,000) barrels, each of which contains forty-two (42) United States gallons, of brine produced and saved or sold for purposes of the extraction of chemical substances therefrom. All moneys so collected shall be deposited into the 0il and Gas Commission Fund and used solely to pay the expenses and other costs of the commission.

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31 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code 15-76-306, concerning the authority of the 32 Oil and Gas Commission, is amended by adding the following additional 33 subsection:

34 (e) Before the commission implements the collection process of any
35 increase in the millage assessments that may be authorized by law on each one
36 thousand (1,000) barrels of brine produced and saved or sold for purposes of

1	chemical extraction, the commission shall first seek	review from the	<u>}</u>
2	Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee.		
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