

ARKANSAS SENATE
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Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 206

"TO REGULATE OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION AND TO LIMIT COMPENSATION FOR
SPILL DAMAGES TO THE SURFACE ESTATE."

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 206.

Amend Senate Bill No. 206 as originally introduced:

Delete SECTION 1 in its entirety and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 15, Chapter 72, Subchapter 2 is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

15-72-219. Compensation of surface owners and surface tenants for damages – Restoration of land.

(a) A surface owner or surface tenant is entitled to reasonable compensation not to exceed three (3) times the value of the damaged land from the operator of an oil or gas well where a spill has occurred and has caused:

(1) Damages to growing crops, trees, shrubs, fences, roads, structures, improvements, or livestock; or

(2) Measurable damage to the productive capacity of the soil.

(b) In addition to any compensation or damages paid by the operator under subsection (a) of this section, the operator shall restore the damaged land in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations of the:

(1) Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality; and

(2) Oil and Gas Commission."



The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator G. Jeffress

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Secretary