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# A Bill

SENATE BILL

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 2-6-105 AND TO REPEAL 2-6-108 RELATING TO LICENSING AND REGULATION OF CATFISH PROCESSORS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

"TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 2-6-105 AND TO REPEAL 2-6-108 RELATING TO LICENSING AND REGULATION OF CATFISH PROCESSORS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 2-6-105 is amended to read as follows:

"2-6-105. Registration and suspension - Exception.

(a) Except as provided in subdivision (e), every catfish processor in the state shall register with the State Plant Board. Applications for registration as a catfish processor under this subchapter shall be made on forms prescribed by the director. Every application is to be accompanied by an application fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) and a certified financial statement in a form prescribed by the director and any further information the director may by regulation require.

(b) The board shall promulgate such rules and regulations as necessary to secure the performance of catfish purchasing obligations.

(c) Whenever, after due notice and hearing, the board finds any registrant is insolvent or has violated any provisions of this chapter, it may issue an order suspending the registrant for a reasonable specified period. The order of suspension shall take effect within five (5) days unless suspended, modified, or set aside by the board or a court of competent

1 jurisdiction.

2 (d) If the board finds any processor is insolvent, or is issuing invalid  
3 or insufficient checks, or is causing a breach of contract with the producer  
4 by failure to pay the producer in accordance with the contract, the board  
5 shall issue an order requiring the processor to cease and desist from  
6 purchasing catfish except under such conditions as the board may prescribe to  
7 effectuate the purposes of this chapter.

8 (e) Those processors whose average annual purchases from catfish  
9 producers do not exceed *one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)* shall be  
10 exempt from the provisions of this section."

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12 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 2-6-108 is hereby repealed.

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14 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent  
15 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas  
16 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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18 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
19 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
20 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
21 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
22 act are declared to be severable.

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24 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
25 hereby repealed.

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27 /s/Scott

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