

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1854

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5 By: Representatives Kidd, Young, Flanagan, Johnson, Wallis, Rodgers, Fletcher, Milum, Lancaster, and Laverty

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT PERTAINING TO AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY LAND
10 PROTECTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

13 "AN ACT PERTAINING TO AGRICULTURAL AND
14 FORESTRY LAND PROTECTION; AND FOR OTHER
15 PURPOSES."

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

19 SECTION 1. This act shall be known as the Agricultural and Forestry
20 Land Protection Act.

22 SECTION 2. The General Assembly finds and declares that the beaver
23 population in the State of Arkansas is adversely affecting the agricultural
24 and forestry lands of private property owners and the costs to eradicate and
25 control the beaver population on their own lands cause an unfair financial
26 burden on Arkansas agricultural and forestry land owners. The Arkansas Game
27 and Fish Commission shall be charged with the responsibility of eradicating
28 beavers on Arkansas agricultural and forestry lands.

30 SECTION 3. (a) Any owner of forestry or agricultural property whose
31 land is being adversely affected by beavers may submit a written request to
32 the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission requesting them to enter the
33 private property and eradicate the beavers in the manner provided under the
34 regulations set forth by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission.

35 (b) If within thirty (30) days after the written request has been
36 submitted, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission has not entered the private

1 property and removed the beavers, the owner of the property may elect to
2 eradicate the beaver. In the event that the owner elects to eradicate the
3 beavers, the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission shall compensate the
4 owner in the amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per beaver.

5 (c) The owner shall provide proof of each beaver eradicated by
6 producing the beaver tail or by other means established by the Arkansas State
7 Game and Fish Commission which identify a single beaver.

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9 SECTION 4. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
10 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
11 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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13 SECTION 5. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
14 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
15 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
16 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
17 act are declared to be severable.

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19 SECTION 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
20 hereby repealed.

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