State of Arkansas 1 A Bill 2 82nd General Assembly 3 Regular Session, 1999 SENATE BILL 91 4 5 By: Senator Hill 6 7 For An Act To Be Entitled 8 "AN ACT TO EXEMPT THE SALE OF EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY 9 USED FOR THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION OF SOD AND 10 NURSERY PRODUCTS FROM THE ARKANSAS GROSS RECEIPTS TAX; 11 12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES." 13 **Subtitle** 14 "TO EXEMPT MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT USED 15 16 FOR THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION OF SOD AND NURSERY PRODUCTS FROM THE ARKANSAS 17 18 GROSS RECEIPTS TAX. " 19 20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 21 22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 23 24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 26-52-403 is amended to read as follows: 25 "26-52-403. Farm equipment and machinery. 26 (a) The sale of new and used farm equipment and machinery shall not be 27 28 subject to the Arkansas gross receipts tax Levied by § 26-52-301(1), (2), 29 (3)(A), (B), (C)(i)-(iii), (4), and (5), but shall be exempt therefrom. (b)(1)(A) As used in this section, 'farm equipment and machinery' means 30 31 implements used exclusively and directly for in farming which for purposes of this act is defined as the agricultural production of food or fiber as a 32 business or for the agricultural production of grass sod or nursery products 33 34 as a business. 35 (B) Implements used to harvest crops for produced in farming by others shall be considered as used in the agricultural production 36

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- (2) Irrigation pipe used to carry water from the irrigation well to the <u>crop</u> <u>crops produced in farming</u> shall be considered 'farm machinery or equipment' regardless of whether the pipe is used above ground or is buried underground.
- (3) However, the term 'farm equipment and machinery' shall not include implements used in the production and severance of timber, motor vehicles of a type subject to registration, airplanes, or hand tools.
- (c)(1) Each purchaser of farm machinery must certify, in writing, on the copy of the invoice or sales ticket to be retained by the seller that he is engaged in farming and that the farm machinery will be used only in farming.
- (2) The seller shall certify to the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration that the contract price of the items has been reduced to grant the full benefit of the exemption.
- (3) Violation of this subsection by the purchaser or seller shall be a misdemeanor and, upon violation or conviction for a second offense, the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration shall revoke the seller's sales tax permit."

SECTION 2. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

 SECTION 3. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.