

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.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2655

5 By: Representative Cleveland
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 15, CHAPTER
10 72, SUBCHAPTER 2 TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL SECTION TO
11 REQUIRE THE INSTALLATION AND USE OF PIT LINERS
12 FOR ALL *OIL, GAS, AND BRINE* DRILLING OPERATIONS;
13 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE INSTALLATION AND
16 USE OF PIT LINERS FOR ALL *OIL, GAS, AND*
17 *BRINE* DRILLING OPERATIONS.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 15, Chapter 72, Subchapter 2 is amended
24 to add an additional section to read as follows:

25 15-72-219. Pit liners required for *oil, gas, and brine drilling pits.*

26 (a) The owner or operator of any well drilled for the purpose of
27 exploring for, or producing, *oil, gas, or brine*, who temporarily stores any
28 wastes from drilling operations in any surface pits shall, before any wastes
29 are produced in the course of drilling, have pit liners installed in any
30 waste pits used during drilling operations.

31 (b) The Oil and Gas Commission shall have the authority with the
32 approval of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality and the
33 Department of Health to develop standards for the installation of pit liners
34 for waste pits and shall be responsible for inspecting all *oil, gas, and*
35 *brine* drilling operations to enforce the requirements of this section.

36 (c) The Oil and Gas Commission shall, in coordination with and

1 approval of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality and the
2 Department of Health, promulgate reasonable rules and regulations to
3 implement, enforce, and administer the requirements of this section,
4 including, but not limited to:

5 (1) Approval authority;

6 (2) Standards for construction and use;

7 (3) Inspection and oversight;

8 (4) Closure requirements;

9 (5) Release reporting requirements; and

10 (6) Landowner notification.

11 /s/ Cleveland

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