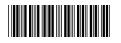
Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1	State of Arkansas
2	85th General Assembly A Bill
3	Regular Session, 2005HOUSE BILL1362
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5	By: Representative Petrus
6	By: Senator Glover
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9	For An Act To Be Entitled
10	AN ACT REGULATING THE USE OF PROCEEDS OF RICE
11	ASSESSMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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13	Subtitle
14	AN ACT REGULATING THE USE OF PROCEEDS OF
15	RICE ASSESSMENTS.
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18	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20	SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 2-20-507 is amended to read as follows:
21	2-20-507. Assessments on grown rice.
22	(a) There is imposed and levied:
23	(1) An assessment at the rate of 1.35 cents (\$0.0135) per bushel
24	to be paid by the buyer at the first point of sale, whether within or without
25	the state, on rice grown within the state or at the point the rice enters
26	into the United States Department of Agriculture loan program; and
27	(2) An assessment at the rate of 1.35 cents (\$0.0135) per bushel
28	to be paid by the producer on all rice grown within this state.
29	(b) The assessment imposed and levied by this section shall be
30	collected by the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration
31	from the buyer of rice at the first point of sale or at the point the rice
32	enters into the United States Department of Agriculture loan program.
33	(c) The proceeds of the assessment, less not more than three percent
34	(3%) to cover the cost of collections, shall be deposited with the Treasurer
35	of State in a special fund to be established for the Arkansas Rice Research
36	and Promotion Board to the credit of the board. Disbursement shall be made



1 only upon motions duly passed by the board and presented to the Treasurer of 2 State and only for purposes prescribed in this subchapter. 3 (d)(1) The funds derived from the assessment paid by buyers at the 4 first point of sale shall be used for: 5 (A) Market development and promotion; 6 (B) Basic administration expenses; and 7 (C) Defraying the costs of referenda that the Arkansas 8 Rice Research and Promotion Board may refer to purchasers of rice. 9 (2) The funds derived from the assessment paid by producers 10 shall be used for: 11 (A) Rice extension and rice research; 12 (B) Basic administration expenses; and 13 (C) Defraying the costs of referenda that the Arkansas Rice Research and Promotion Board may refer to producers of rice. 14 15 (3) Funds under subdivision (d)(1) and (d)(2) of this section 16 may be applied within or without Arkansas, including regional, national, and international applications. 17 18 19 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 2-20-510 is amended to read as follows: 20 2-20-510. Promotion program and research programs - Use of funds. 21 (a) The Arkansas Rice Research and Promotion Board shall plan and 22 conduct a program of research, extension, market development, and advertising 23 designed to promote the rice industry in Arkansas. 24 (b)(1)(A) The board is authorized to use the funds derived from the 25 assessments imposed in this subchapter for these purposes, including basic 26 administration expenses of the plan. 27 (B) Use of these funds may be applied as prescribed in 28 this section, within or without Arkansas, including regional, national, and 29 international applications. 30 (2) The funds may also be used to defray the costs of referenda 31 that the Arkansas Rice Research and Promotion Board may refer to producers or 32 purchasers of rice. 33 SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the 34 35 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that this act clarifies the use of funds from assessments on grown rice; and that this act is immediately 36

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1	necessary in order to avoid future controversies and to ensure the proper use
2	of the funds. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act
3	being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health,
4	and safety shall become effective on:
5	(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;
6	(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
7	the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
8	bill; or
9	(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
10	overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.
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