

State of Arkansas
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 1058

By: Senator Salmon

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 1366 OF 2003, WHICH IS KNOWN
AS THE HOMELAND SECURITY INFORMATION ACT; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 1366 OF 2003, WHICH
IS KNOWN AS THE HOMELAND SECURITY
INFORMATION ACT.

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

SECTION 1. Uncodified Section 2 of Act 1366 of 2003, concerning definitions concerning homeland security and threat assessment plans, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2. Definitions.

As used in this act:

(1) "Catastrophe" means a man-made event that causes disastrous property damage, death, or serious physical injury to multiple people by explosion, fire, flood, avalanche, collapse of building, distribution of poison, radioactive material, bacteria, virus, or other dangerous and difficult to confine force or substance; ~~and~~

(2) "Emergency service agency" means an agency or department of the State of Arkansas or any county or city that has first responder or investigative responsibilities in the event of a catastrophe or use of a weapon of mass destruction; and

(3) "Weapon of mass destruction" means an explosive, chemical, radioactive, or biological agent, or any other substance or device capable of



1 causing extensive property damage, death, or serious physical injury to
2 multiple persons in a single act or series of acts+.

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4 SECTION 2. Uncodified Section 4 of Act 1366 of 2003, concerning
5 homeland security and threat assessment plans, is amended to read as follows:

6 Section 4. Sunset Clause.

7 This act expires on July 1, ~~2005~~ 2007.

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9 SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
10 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that Act 1366 of 2003, known as the
11 Homeland Security Information Act, is necessary for the safety and protection
12 of the citizens of the State of Arkansas; that without legislative action the
13 Homeland Security Information Act will expire on July 1, 2005; and that this
14 act is immediately necessary to prevent the expiration of the act.
15 Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately
16 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall
17 become effective on:

18 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

19 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
20 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
21 bill; or

22 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
23 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.