

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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As Engrossed: S2/12/07

A Bill

SENATE BILL 206

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5 By: Senator G. Jeffress
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REGULATE OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION; TO
10 LIMIT COMPENSATION FOR SPILL DAMAGES TO THE
11 SURFACE ESTATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 TO REGULATE OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION AND
15 TO LIMIT COMPENSATION FOR SPILL DAMAGES
16 TO THE SURFACE ESTATE.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 15, Chapter 72, Subchapter 2 is amended*
22 *to add an additional section to read as follows:*

23 15-72-219. Compensation of surface owners and surface tenants for
24 damages – Restoration of land.

25 (a) A surface owner or surface tenant is entitled to reasonable
26 compensation not to exceed three (3) times the value of the damaged land from
27 the operator of an oil or gas well where a spill has occurred and has caused:

28 (1) Damages to growing crops, trees, shrubs, fences, roads,
29 structures, improvements, or livestock; or

30 (2) Measurable damage to the productive capacity of the soil.

31 (b) In addition to any compensation or damages paid by the operator
32 under subsection (a) of this section, the operator shall restore the damaged
33 land in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations of the:

34 (1) Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality; and

35 (2) Oil and Gas Commission.
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/s/ G. Jeffress

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