

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
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1573

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5 By: Representative Lowery
6 By: Senator G. Jeffress

For An Act To Be Entitled

10 TO AMEND THE OIL AND GAS COMMISSION'S AUTHORITY
11 CONCERNING RULES FOR ADMINISTERING THE NATURAL
12 GAS PIPELINE SAFETY ACT OF 1968; TO AMEND THE
13 DEFINITION OF "TRANSPORTATION OF GAS" UNDER THE
14 NATURAL GAS PIPELINE SAFETY ACT OF 1971; AND FOR
15 OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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18 TO AMEND THE OIL AND GAS COMMISSION'S
19 RULES FOR ADMINISTERING THE NATURAL GAS
20 PIPELINE SAFETY ACT OF 1968; AND TO
21 AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "TRANSPORTATION
22 OF GAS" UNDER THE ARKANSAS NATURAL GAS
23 PIPELINE SAFETY ACT OF 1971.

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

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28 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 15-71-110(d)(18), concerning the Oil and
29 Gas Commission's rules for the administration of the Natural Gas Pipeline
30 Safety Act of 1968, is amended to read as follows:

31 (18) To administer and enforce any applicable provisions of the
32 Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act of 1968, Pub. L. No. 90-481, and to
33 specifically empower the commission to submit any satisfactory certification
34 required by the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act of 1968, Pub. L. No. 90-481,
35 in connection with:

36 (A) A ~~any~~ production process or production facility as



1 defined in this section; or

2 (B) A natural gas pipeline or associated facility whose:

3 (i) Owner is not affiliated with an Arkansas natural
4 gas public utility; and

5 (ii) The majority owner is either a production
6 company or an affiliate of a production company.

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8 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 23-15-203(10), concerning the definition of
9 “transportation of gas”, is amended to read as follows:

10 (10)(A) “Transportation of gas” means the gathering, transmission, or
11 distribution of gas by pipeline or ~~its~~ the storage of gas in or through any
12 pipeline facilities other than interstate transmission facilities as defined
13 in this section.

14 (B) ~~It shall~~ “Transportation of gas” shall not include+

15 ~~(i) Production~~ production facilities or the
16 production process; ~~or~~

17 ~~(ii) The gathering of gas in those rural locations~~
18 ~~which lie outside the limits of any incorporated or unincorporated city,~~
19 ~~town, village, or any other designated residential or commercial area such as~~
20 ~~a subdivision, a business or shopping center, a community development, or any~~
21 ~~other nonrural area.~~

22 (C) ~~However, it shall specifically~~ “Transportation of gas” shall
23 include the gathering, transmission, or distribution of natural gas
24 containing one hundred (100) or more parts per million of hydrogen sulfide
25 from the custodial transfer meter through any pipeline, rural or nonrural, to
26 and through any pipeline facility that removes hydrogen sulfide, except that
27 portion of such a pipeline or pipeline facility that is located within the
28 fenced boundary of a petroleum refinery.