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As Engrossed: H3/3/11  
**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1393

5 By: Representative Webb  
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7 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 AN ACT TO PROTECT ARKANSANS BY REQUIRING BONDS FOR  
9 GAS DRILLING OPERATIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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12 **Subtitle**

13 AN ACT TO PROTECT ARKANSANS BY REQUIRING  
14 BONDS FOR GAS DRILLING OPERATIONS.

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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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19 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 15-72-201 is amended to read as follows:*  
20 *15-72-201. Definitions.*

21 *As used in this act, unless the context otherwise requires:*

22 *(1) "Operator" means the person who has the right to enter upon the*  
23 *lands of another for the purpose of exploring, drilling, and developing for*  
24 *the production of brine, oil, gas, and all other petroleum hydrocarbons;*

25 *(2) "Person" means any natural person, corporation, association,*  
26 *partnership, trustee, guardian, executor, administrator, fiduciary, or*  
27 *representative of any kind; ~~and~~*

28 *(3) "Plugging" means:*

29 *(A) Abandoning a producing or nonproductive well; or*

30 *(B) Stopping the flow of water, gas, or oil in a well; and*

31 *~~(3)~~(4) "Surface owner" means the owner or owners of record of the*  
32 *surface of the property on which the drilling operation is to occur.*

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34 *SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 15, Chapter 72, Subchapter 2 is amended*  
35 *to add an additional section to read as follows:*

36 *15-72-220. Natural Gas Wells -- Bonds.*



