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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1870

5 By: Representative Wright
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF HARVEST PERMITS
9 TO ASSIST THE AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY; AND FOR OTHER
10 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF HARVEST
15 PERMITS TO ASSIST THE AGRICULTURE
16 INDUSTRY.
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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 27, Chapter 35, Subchapter 2 is amended
22 to add an additional section to read as follows:

23 27-35-214. Harvest permit.

24 (a) With respect to highways under its jurisdiction, the State Highway
25 Commission shall issue a special written harvest permit as provided under
26 this section.

27 (b) An application for a harvest permit under this section may be made
28 to the State Highway Commission:

29 (1) In person;

30 (2) In writing;

31 (3) By telephone; or

32 (4) By any means of electronic communication.

33 (c)(1) The application for a harvest permit shall include:

34 (A) The name of the applicant;

35 (B) The applicant's employer, if the applicant is not
36 self-employed;



1 (C) The business address of the applicant or employer;

2 (D) The type of unfinished commodity to be hauled by the
 3 vehicle licensed by the harvest permit;

4 (E) Any additional information the State Highway
 5 Commission determines is necessary for its decision and records; and

6 (F) A harvest permit fee of two hundred dollars (\$200).

7 (2) The harvest permit fee shall be deposited into the State
 8 Highway and Transportation Department Fund.

9 (d) Upon receipt of the application for a harvest permit, the State
 10 Highway Commission shall issue a harvest permit.

11 (e) The limitations on the harvest permit issued under this section
 12 are:

13 (1) The vehicle for which the harvest permit is issued shall
 14 not:

15 (A) Have fewer than five (5) axles;

16 (B) Bear more than twenty thousand pounds (20,000 lbs.)
 17 per axle; and

18 (C) Carry a load that exceeds a variance of five percent
 19 (5%) of ninety thousand pounds (90,000 lbs.);

20 (2) The vehicle shall haul only unfinished commodities;

21 (3) The vehicle shall not travel on interstate highways and
 22 shall use only secondary highways, roads, and streets;

23 (4) The maximum number of harvest permits that can be issued to
 24 a single commodity producer is five (5); and

25 (5) The harvest permit is valid only from August 15 – December
 26 1.

27 (f) An overweight vehicle hauling unfinished commodities without a
 28 harvest permit and in violation of this section is subject to the penalties
 29 under § 27-35-202.

30 (g) This section does not affect the exception for permits for
 31 vehicles or machinery used only for normal farm purposes under § 27-35-
 32 210(a)(2)(A).

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