

1 State of Arkansas
2 88th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2011

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2141

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5 By: Representative Hyde

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE DEFINITIONS REGARDING THE
9 REGULATION OF UNSANITARY CONDITIONS; TO DECLARE AN
10 EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

14 TO AMEND THE DEFINITIONS REGARDING THE
15 REGULATION OF UNSANITARY CONDITIONS AND
16 TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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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 § 14-54-903(a)(4), concerning the definition
22 of "unsafe and vacant structure," is amended to read as follows:

23 (4) "Unsafe and vacant structure" or "an abandoned home or
24 residential property for at least ninety (90) days" means a structure located
25 on previously platted and subdivided property that is not fit for human
26 habitation and has been declared unsafe and vacant by the city or town in
27 which it is located in violation of an applicable ordinance; and

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29 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
30 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that cities in Arkansas are facing
31 a significant increase in abandoned homes; that these homes can be a strain
32 on the cities and create unsafe conditions; and that this act is immediately
33 necessary because federal moneys are available to assist cities to combat
34 this problem. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act
35 being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health,
36 and safety shall become effective on:



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

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

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