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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2157

5 By: Representative Jean
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE INTERPRETATION OF TERMS
9 RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE; AND FOR OTHER
10 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 TO CLARIFY THE INTERPRETATION OF TERMS
15 RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 2, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1 is amended*
21 *to add an additional section to read as follows:*

22 *2-1-102. Sustainable agriculture.*

23 *(a) As used in this section, "sustainable" includes without*
24 *limitation:*

25 *(1) Science-based practices supported by research; and*

26 *(2) The use of technology that is demonstrated to lead to broad,*
27 *outcomes-based performance improvements that:*

28 *(A) Meet the needs of the present; and*

29 *(B) Improve the ability of future generations to meet*
30 *their needs while advancing progress toward environmental, social, and*
31 *economic goals and the well-being of agricultural producers and rural*
32 *communities.*

33 *(b) Sustainable agriculture may use continuous improvement principles*
34 *with goals that include without limitation:*

35 *(1) Increasing agricultural productivity;*

36 *(2) Improving human health through access to safe, nutritious,*



1 and affordable food; and

2 (3) Enhancing agricultural and surrounding environments,
3 including without limitation water, soil, and air quality, biodiversity, and
4 habitat preservation.

5 (c)(1) The Arkansas Agriculture Department and the State Plant Board
6 shall interpret any administrative rule or regulation promulgated by a state
7 or federal agency that establishes standards for harvesting or producing
8 agricultural crops in accordance with the definition and guidelines provided
9 in this section.

10 (2) This section does not apply to silviculture and any rules or
11 regulations regarding silviculture.

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