1 2	State of Arkansas As Engrossed: H3/19/13 H3/20/13 H3/26/13 $A Bill$
3	Regular Session, 2013 HOUSE BILL 1982
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5	By: Representative Hillman
6	By: Senator J. Dismang
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8	For An Act To Be Entitled
9	AN ACT REGARDING PROTECTION OF AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT
10	AND IMPLEMENTS; TO REGULATE TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING
11	CERTAIN METALS ASSOCIATED WITH AGRICULTURAL
12	PRODUCTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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15	Subtitle
16	REGARDING PROTECTION OF AGRICULTURAL
17	EQUIPMENT AND IMPLEMENTS; AND TO REGULATE
18	TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING CERTAIN METALS
19	ASSOCIATED WITH AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION.
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22	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24	SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. <u>Legislative intent.</u>
25	It is the intent of the General Assembly to protect the state's
26	agricultural producers and farmers from the destruction of their equipment
27	and implements due to purposeful destruction by persons stripping equipment
28	and implements for copper.
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30	SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 44, is amended to add
31	additional new sections to read as follows:
32	17-44-107. Regulation of copper sellers.
33	(a)(1) Before a person may sell copper to a commercial buyer of
34	copper, the person is required to deliver the copper to the county sheriff of
35	the county or other law enforcement officer as designated by the county
36	sheriff in which the seller resides in order to:

1	(A) Acquire a permit from the county sheriff to sell the
2	copper; and
3	(B) Allow the county sheriff to take a photograph of the
4	copper to be sold.
5	(2) A person who complies with the requirements of this shall be
6	issued a permit to sell the copper by the county sheriff.
7	(b) A commercial buyer of copper is required to request from the
8	seller a copy of the permit and photograph described under subsection (a) of
9	this section before agreeing to purchase the copper.
10	(c) A person who holds a heating, ventilation, and air conditioning
11	license, a plumber's license, an electrician's license, or a general
12	contractor's license is exempt from the requirements of this section.
13	(d) A person who violates this section is upon conviction guilty of a
14	Class A misdemeanor.
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16	17-44-108. Transactions or acquisitions involving copper — Payment by
17	check required.
18	(a) A commercial scrap metal dealer or recycler subject to the
19	requirements of this chapter is prohibited from purchasing or otherwise
20	acquiring copper by performing a cash transaction.
21	(b) A person who violates this section is upon conviction guilty of a
22	Class A misdemeanor.
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26	/s/Hillman
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