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6	Dismang, L. Eads, Elliott, J. English, Flippo, T. Garner, Gilmore, K. Hammer, J. Hendren, Hill, K.	
7	Ingram, B. Johnson, M. Johnson, G. Leding, Rapert, Rice, B. Sample, G. Stubblefield, J. Sturch, D.	
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9	By: Representatives Payton, Bentley, Lundstrum, Miller, Scott, B. Smith, Wing	
10 11	For An Act To Be Entitled	
12	AN ACT TO CREATE THE CLIMATE REGULATORY ARKANSAS	
13	PLUMBING ACT; TO CREATE A CERTIFIED CLIMATE	
14	REGULATORY PLUMBING PLUMBER INSPECTOR; TO CREATE THE	
15	CLIMATE REGULATORY ARKANSAS PLUMBING OVERSIGHT	
16	COMMITTEE; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER	
17	PURPOSES.	
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20	Subtitle	
21	TO CREATE THE CLIMATE REGULATORY ARKANSAS	
22	PLUMBING ACT; AND TO DECLARE AN	
23	EMERGENCY.	
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26	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:	
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28	SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 8, Chapter 10, is amended to add an	•
29	additional subchapter to read as follows:	
30	<u>Subchapter 5 — Climate Regulatory Arkansas Plumbing Act</u>	
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32	<u>8-10-501. Title.</u>	
33	This subchapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Climate	
34 25	<u>Regulatory Arkansas Plumbing Act".</u>	
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36	8-10-502. Legislative findings and intent.	



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1	(a) The General Assembly finds that:
2	(1) Arkansas is one (1) of only eight (8) states that allows its
3	citizens to own and operate an outhouse;
4	(2) Outhouses are an important part of the state's
5	infrastructure;
6	(3) There are fewer and fewer outhouses in the state each year;
7	(4) With proper maintenance and regular inspections, the
8	greenhouse gas emissions from outhouses can be maintained at an acceptable
9	level; and
10	(5) Additional outhouses are necessary for the annual Outhouse
11	Races in Mountain View, Arkansas, which is one of the single most important
12	and competitive athletic competitions in the state.
13	(b) It is the intent of the General Assembly to:
14	(1) Promote the use, maintenance, and inspection of outhouses;
15	(2) Provide for regular inspections of outhouses in the state to
16	reduce any excess greenhouse gas emissions that could have a negative effect
17	on the environment; and
18	(3) Promote attendance at the Outhouse Races that occur in
19	October of each year in Mountain View, Arkansas as part of the Bean Festival.
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21	8-10-503. Certification of Climate Regulatory Arkansas Plumbing
22	plumber inspectors.
23	(a) The Division of Environmental Quality shall certify an applicant
24	as a Climate Regulatory Arkansas Plumbing plumber inspector if the applicant
25	has at least one (1) week of relevant experience in any state.
26	(b) The division shall establish the process for applying for
27	certification under this section by rule.
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29	8-10-504. Climate Regulatory Arkansas Plumbing inspection requirement.
30	(a) An outhouse located in this state shall be inspected quarterly by
31	a certified Climate Regulatory Arkansas Plumbing plumber inspector, an
32	inspector from the Division of Environmental Quality, and an inspector from
33	the Department of Health.
34	(b) An inspection conducted under this section shall focus on ensuring
35	that the construction, operation, and maintenance of the outhouse is in line
36	with division standards to prevent greenhouse gas emissions that are

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1	destructive to the environment and that contribute to climate change.
2	(c)(l) An outhouse that does not meet the requirements of an
3	inspection under this section shall be decommissioned.
4	(2) An outhouse that is decommissioned under subdivision (c)(1)
5	of this section shall be sent to Stone County, Arkansas to be used in the
6	annual Outhouse Races that occur as part of the Bean Festival each October.
7	(d) The division and the department shall adopt rules to implement
8	this section.
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10	8-10-505. Climate Regulatory Arkansas Plumbing Oversight Committee.
11	(a) There is created the Climate Regulatory Arkansas Plumbing
12	Oversight Committee.
13	(b)(1) The committee shall have the following members:
14	(A) The Governor, the Honorable Asa Hutchinson;
15	(B) The Speaker of the House of Representatives, the
16	Honorable Matthew Shepherd;
17	(C) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Honorable
18	Jimmy Hickey; and
19	(D) The persons elected in the future to the offices of
20	Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and President Pro Tempore
21	of the Senate.
22	(2) Because of the overwhelming need to provide continuity and
23	special expertise in oversight of Climate Regulatory Arkansas Plumbing
24	inspections, the members listed in subdivision (b)(1)(A)-(C) of this section
25	shall serve in perpetuity.
26	(3) The members identified in subdivision (b)(1)(D) of this
27	section shall serve on the committee while they hold the specified office.
28	(c) The committee shall:
29	(1) Ensure that all quarterly inspections conducted under this
30	subchapter are completely in a timely manner;
31	(2) Monitor greenhouse gas emissions from outhouses in the
32	state; and
33	(3) Report annually to the Legislative Council regarding the
34	committee's findings and recommendations for:
35	(A) Improving the number and operation of outhouses in the
36	<u>state;</u>

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1	(B) Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from outhouses; and
2	(C) Increasing attendance at the annual Outhouse Races in
3	<u>Mountain View, Arkansas.</u>
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5	SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
6	General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that outhouses that lack proper
7	maintenance and inspection can result in greenhouse gas emissions that
8	negatively affect our environment and may contribute to climate change; that
9	with the immediate implementation of an inspection process, the state can
10	regulate and promote the use of outhouses; that there is currently an
11	inadequate number of outhouses in the state; and that this act is immediately
12	necessary because there is an urgent need for additional outhouses in the
13	state to race down Main Street in Mountain View, Arkansas during the Bean
14	Festival each year, and there is no better time to address this need than on
15	April 1. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being
16	immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and
17	safety shall become effective on:
18	(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;
19	(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
20	the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
21	bill; or
22	(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
23	overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.
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25	HAPPY APRIL FOOLS' DAY!
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