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1	this section shall expire on July 1, 2027.	
2	(3) Subdivision (b)(1) of this section shall not apply to a wind	
3	power device if the wind power device is under construction, has broken	
4	ground, or is in operation before March 21, 2025.	
5	(c)(l)(A) The Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission shall conduct a	
6	study regarding the effects of wind power devices.	
7	(B) The study under subdivision (c)(l)(A) of this section	
8	shall primarily focus on migratory waterfowl and predatory birds, also known	
9	<u>as raptors.</u>	
10	(2) The commission may:	
11	(A) Contract with an entity to conduct the study under	
12	subdivision (c)(l) of this section; and	
13	(B) Partner with a state or federal agency, an	
14	environmental consultant, nonprofit organization, or institution of higher	
15	education in this state to conduct the study under subdivision (c)(l) of this	
16	section.	
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18	SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the	
19	General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that wind energy may have	
20	detrimental effects on wildlife and the environment with birds, including	
21	raptors, being at a greater risk of being impacted by wind power devices;	
22	that waterfowl populations in this state are declining and immediate	
23	conservation is needed to ensure that the waterfowl and raptor populations	
24	increase; and that this act is immediately necessary to ensure conservation	
25	of migratory waterfowl and raptor populations in this state as preserving	
26	waterfowl and raptor populations contributes to the economy of this state	
27	through tourism and hunting activities, which directly impacts the citizens	
28	of this state. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act	
29	being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health,	
30	and safety shall become effective on:	
31	(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;	
32	(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,	
33	the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the	
34	bill; or	
35	(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is	
36	overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.	

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