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A Bill

SENATE BILL 224

By: Senator Stone

By: Representative Beaty Jr.

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REPEAL THE LAW CONCERNING NATURAL ORGANIC
FERTILIZERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REPEAL THE LAW CONCERNING NATURAL
ORGANIC FERTILIZERS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 2, Chapter 19, Subchapter 5, is repealed.

~~2-19-501. Definition.~~

~~“One hundred percent (100%) natural organic fertilizer” shall be defined as and include the following:~~

~~(1)(A) One hundred percent (100%) organic fertilizer—Materials derived from either plant or animal products containing one (1) or more elements other than carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen which are essential for plant growth.~~

~~(B) These materials may be subjected to biological degradation processes under conditions of drying, composting, enzymatic or anaerobic/aerobic bacterial action or any combination of these.~~

~~(C) These materials shall not be mixed with synthetic materials;~~

~~(2) One hundred percent (100%) natural organic fertilizer shall be processed from only one hundred percent (100%) animal substrate. No other organic or inorganic, natural or synthetic, additives shall be used during processing and no fortification may be used;~~



~~(3) One hundred percent (100%) natural organic fertilizers shall contain as a guaranteed analysis not less than: nitrogen (N), four percent (4.0%); phosphoric acid (P2O5), two percent (2.0%); and potash (K2O), four percent (4.0%); and~~

~~(4) Determination of the guaranteed analysis will be according to methods adopted by the AOAC International. (Fertilizers and Materials Containing Large Quantities of Organic Matter; 12th edition, With Following Improvements.).~~

~~2-19-502. Regulation and supervision — Fees and penalties — Guarantee of elements.~~

~~(a) The State Plant Board shall have the authority to regulate and supervise the manufacture and sale of one hundred percent (100%) natural organic fertilizer, including the setting and collecting of reasonable fees for sampling and analyzing the fertilizer and registering manufacturers, and shall adopt and promulgate such rules and penalties consistent with this subchapter, and § 2-19-202, as may be necessary.~~

~~(b) The fees and penalties set and collected by the board under this section shall not exceed like fees and penalties set for other types of fertilizers.~~

~~(c) When any reference or claim is made on the label for secondary or minor plant nutrients, a specific guarantee of the specific elements contained shall be given in the guaranteed analysis.~~

~~2-19-503. Exemptions.~~

~~This subchapter shall not affect the private sale of unprocessed animal litter, nor shall the State Plant Board regulate the private sale of unprocessed animal litter which is not sold as one hundred percent (100%) natural organic fertilizer as defined by this subchapter.~~

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