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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1923

By: Representative Maddox

By: Senator Hester

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS TOURISM DEVELOPMENT ACT;  
TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING NATURAL STATE INITIATIVE  
OPPORTUNITY ZONES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS TOURISM  
DEVELOPMENT ACT; AND TO AMEND THE LAW  
CONCERNING NATURAL STATE INITIATIVE  
OPPORTUNITY ZONES.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 15-11-503(4)(B), concerning the definition of "eligible company" used under the Arkansas Tourism Development Act, as amended by Acts 2025, No. 169, is amended to read as follows:

(B) For the purpose of constructing, operating, or intending to operate a tourism attraction project, whether owned or leased, located in a Natural State Initiative Opportunity Zone that meets the standards promulgated under §§ 15-11-504 and 15-11-512:

(i) A minimum of ~~two hundred fifty thousand dollars~~ fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) in a high-unemployment county; or

(ii) A minimum of ~~five hundred thousand dollars~~ one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) in any other county;

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 15-11-512(e)(2)(A), concerning the boundaries for Natural State Initiative Opportunity Zones, is amended to read as follows:



(2)(A) The Natural State Initiative Opportunity Zones shall be located within or no more than ~~one-eighth (1/8)~~ of a one (1) mile outside the boundaries of a state park, a cultural or historic site, or a cultural or educational center.

**APPROVED: 4/17/25**