

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1137

By: Representatives Cavanaugh, Gazaway, *Lundstrum*

By: Senator B. Johnson

### **For An Act To Be Entitled**

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS WATER AND AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ACT; TO CREATE AN EXCEPTION FOR VEGETATION DISPOSAL BURNING BY CERTAIN ENTITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### **Subtitle**

TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS WATER AND AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ACT; AND TO CREATE AN EXCEPTION FOR VEGETATION DISPOSAL BURNING BY CERTAIN ENTITIES.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 8-4-305(7), concerning exceptions to the law related to air pollution under the Arkansas Water and Air Pollution Control Act for certain governmental entities, is amended to read as follows:

(7) Fires set or permitted by any public officer, board, council, or commission when the fire is set or permission to burn is given in the performance of the duty of the public officer, board, council, or commission for the purpose of weed abatement, vegetation disposal, the prevention or elimination of a fire hazard, or the instruction of employees in the methods of fire fighting, which is necessary in the opinion of the public officer, board, council, or commission, or from fires set pursuant to permit for the purpose of instruction of employees of private industrial concerns in methods of fire fighting, or for civil defense instruction; or



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