

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

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## A Bill

SENATE BILL 265

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### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REDUCE AND MODIFY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE RELATING TO WASTEWATER; TO REDUCE AND MODIFY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE RELATING TO SOLID WASTE; TO *AMEND* THE APPRENTICESHIP LICENSES *IN* SOLID WASTE LICENSING; TO AMEND PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

*TO REDUCE AND MODIFY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE RELATING TO WASTEWATER AND THE LICENSING COMMITTEE RELATING TO SOLID WASTE; AND TO AMEND THE APPRENTICESHIP LICENSES IN SOLID WASTE LICENSING.*

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 8-5-204(a), concerning the membership of the licensing committee relating to wastewater, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) There is created and established ~~a licensing committee~~ the "Wastewater Licensing Committee" to advise and assist the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission and the Division of Environmental Quality in the administration of the licensing program.

(2) The committee shall be composed of ~~eight (8)~~ five (5) members:



(A) ~~Five (5)~~ Three (3) members, to be appointed by the commission, of which ~~three (3)~~ two (2) members shall be active wastewater treatment plant operators licensed by the commission and ~~two (2) members~~ one (1) member shall be employed by a private corporation or industry located in Arkansas and nominated at large by the corporations or industries for service on the committee;

(B) One (1) member, to be appointed by the commission, shall be an employee of a municipality operating a wastewater treatment plant who holds the position of chief administrative officer, city engineer, director of public utilities, or other equivalent position;

~~(C) One (1) member, to be appointed by the commission, shall be a faculty member of an accredited college, university, or professional school in this state whose major field is related to water resources or sanitary engineering; and~~

~~(D)~~ (C) One (1) member shall be the Director of the Division of Environmental Quality or a qualified member of his or her staff who shall act as executive secretary of the committee.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 8-6-904(a) and (b), concerning the licensing committee relating to solid waste, are amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) There is created ~~a licensing committee~~ the "Solid Waste Licensing Committee" to advise and assist the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission and the Division of Environmental Quality in the administration of the licensing program.

(2) The committee shall be composed of ~~seven (7)~~ five (5) voting members as follows:

(A) ~~Three (3)~~ Two (2) members, to be appointed by the commission, shall be solid waste management facility operators licensed by the division;

(B) One (1) member, to be appointed by the commission, shall be an employee of a county operating a solid waste management facility who holds the position of solid waste management facility on-site operator or supervisor;

~~(C) One (1) member, to be appointed by the commission, shall be~~ or an employee of a municipality operating a sanitary landfill who holds the position of landfill on-site operator or supervisor;

~~(D)~~(C) One (1) member, to be appointed by the commission, shall be a representative of one (1) of the duly constituted regional solid waste management boards;

~~(E)~~(D) One (1) member, to be appointed by the commission, shall be an on-site operator or supervisor of a nonsegregated materials recovery, transfer, or composting facility;

~~(F)~~(E) One (1) member, to be appointed by the commission, shall be a representative of a designated solid waste operator training academy and shall serve ex officio with no vote; and

~~(G)~~(F) One (1) member, to be appointed by the Director of the Division of Environmental Quality, shall be a qualified member of his or her staff who shall serve ex officio with no vote as executive secretary of the committee.

(b)(1) In the event of a vacancy, a new member shall be appointed by the commission to serve out the unexpired term.

(2)~~(A)~~ A nonstate agency member shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive three-year terms.

~~(B) Those members serving unexpired five-year terms may serve an additional one (1) consecutive three-year term.~~

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 8-6-905(2), concerning the powers and duties of the Division of Environmental Quality related to solid waste licensing, is amended to read as follows:

(2) To issue licenses to qualified solid waste management facility operators, to renew those licenses, to suspend or revoke the licenses for cause after due notice and opportunity for hearing, to issue ~~one-year~~ two-year apprenticeship licenses to operators-in-training, and to issue provisional certificates; and

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 8-6-2010(a)(1), concerning an applicant's eligibility as an environmental officer, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) An individual is eligible to apply for initial training as an environmental officer if the individual is a current employee of a municipality, city, county, regional solid waste management district, planning and development district, or state agency, board, or commission.

*/s/ Irvin*