

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

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 556

By: Senator M. Johnson

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROTECT PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SOURCES; TO PROHIBIT SURFACE DISCHARGE OF WASTEWATER INTO A WATERSHED; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO PROTECT PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SOURCES; AND TO PROHIBIT SURFACE DISCHARGE OF WASTEWATER INTO A WATERSHED.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 8, Chapter 3, Subchapter 1 is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

8-3-104. Watershed discharge prohibition.

(a) A person or entity shall not discharge via surface discharge wastewater into a watershed of any source of public drinking water at any point upstream of where water is taken from the stream, river, lake, or other body of water by a public water system.

(b) This section does not apply to discharge permitted under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System stormwater discharge program or the state stormwater discharge program.

(c) The Division of Environmental Quality shall enforce this section.

