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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1436

5 By: Representative Steele
6 By: Senator J. Scott
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PLACE LOCATION RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN FOOD
10 PROCESSING PLANTS OPERATING A SLAUGHTERHOUSE ON THE
11 SAME GROUNDS AS THE FOOD PROCESSING PLANTS; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO PLACE LOCATION RESTRICTIONS ON
16 CERTAIN FOOD PROCESSING PLANTS OPERATING
17 A SLAUGHTERHOUSE ON THE SAME GROUNDS AS
18 THE FOOD PROCESSING PLANTS.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 57, Subchapter 2, is
24 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

25 20-57-210. Location restrictions for certain food processing plants
26 operating a slaughterhouse – Definition.

27 (a)(1) As used in this section, "food processing plant" means a
28 commercial operation that processes food for human consumption and provides
29 processed food for sale and distribution to other entities.

30 (2) "Food processing plant" does not include a retail food
31 store, convenience store, food market, delicatessen, restaurant, or
32 cafeteria.

33 (b) A food processing plant operating a slaughterhouse on the same
34 grounds as the food processing plant that is located within a city of the
35 first class shall not operate within two (2) miles of a:

36 (1) Church;



1 (2) Public school; or

2 (3) Densely populated residential area.

3 (c) This section does not prevent a city of the first class from
4 undertaking a process to approve or otherwise regulate the operations of a
5 food processing plant operating a slaughterhouse on the same grounds as the
6 food processing plant, including without limitation making a determination
7 that the food processing plant would operate in violation of subsection (b)
8 of this section.

9 (d) This section does not apply to a food processing plant that is
10 operating on the effective date of this section.

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