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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 224

5 By: Senator Stone  
6 By: Representative Beaty Jr.  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO REPEAL THE LAW CONCERNING NATURAL ORGANIC  
10 FERTILIZERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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14 TO REPEAL THE LAW CONCERNING NATURAL  
15 ORGANIC FERTILIZERS.  
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 2, Chapter 19, Subchapter 5, is  
20 repealed.

21 ~~2-19-501. Definition.~~

22 ~~“One hundred percent (100%) natural organic fertilizer” shall be~~  
23 ~~defined as and include the following:~~

24 ~~(1)(A) One hundred percent (100%) organic fertilizer—Materials~~  
25 ~~derived from either plant or animal products containing one (1) or more~~  
26 ~~elements other than carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen which are essential for~~  
27 ~~plant growth.~~

28 ~~(B) These materials may be subjected to biological~~  
29 ~~degradation processes under conditions of drying, composting, enzymatic or~~  
30 ~~anaerobic/aerobic bacterial action or any combination of these.~~

31 ~~(C) These materials shall not be mixed with synthetic~~  
32 ~~materials;~~

33 ~~(2) One hundred percent (100%) natural organic fertilizer shall~~  
34 ~~be processed from only one hundred percent (100%) animal substrate. No other~~  
35 ~~organic or inorganic, natural or synthetic, additives shall be used during~~  
36 ~~processing and no fortification may be used;~~



1           ~~(3) One hundred percent (100%) natural organic fertilizers shall~~  
2 ~~contain as a guaranteed analysis not less than: nitrogen (N), four percent~~  
3 ~~(4.0%); phosphoric acid (P2O5), two percent (2.0%); and potash (K2O), four~~  
4 ~~percent (4.0%); and~~

5           ~~(4) Determination of the guaranteed analysis will be according~~  
6 ~~to methods adopted by the AOAC International. (Fertilizers and Materials~~  
7 ~~Containing Large Quantities of Organic Matter; 12th edition, With Following~~  
8 ~~Improvements.).~~

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10           ~~2-19-502. Regulation and supervision — Fees and penalties — Guarantee~~  
11 ~~of elements.~~

12           ~~(a) The State Plant Board shall have the authority to regulate and~~  
13 ~~supervise the manufacture and sale of one hundred percent (100%) natural~~  
14 ~~organic fertilizer, including the setting and collecting of reasonable fees~~  
15 ~~for sampling and analyzing the fertilizer and registering manufacturers, and~~  
16 ~~shall adopt and promulgate such rules and penalties consistent with this~~  
17 ~~subchapter, and § 2-19-202, as may be necessary.~~

18           ~~(b) The fees and penalties set and collected by the board under this~~  
19 ~~section shall not exceed like fees and penalties set for other types of~~  
20 ~~fertilizers.~~

21           ~~(c) When any reference or claim is made on the label for secondary or~~  
22 ~~minor plant nutrients, a specific guarantee of the specific elements~~  
23 ~~contained shall be given in the guaranteed analysis.~~

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25           ~~2-19-503. Exemptions.~~

26           ~~This subchapter shall not affect the private sale of unprocessed animal~~  
27 ~~litter, nor shall the State Plant Board regulate the private sale of~~  
28 ~~unprocessed animal litter which is not sold as one hundred percent (100%)~~  
29 ~~natural organic fertilizer as defined by this subchapter.~~

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32                           **APPROVED: 3/12/25**