

State of Arkansas

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A Bill

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HOUSE BILL 1735

By: Representative Eaves

By: Senator Irvin

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS UNDERGROUND FACILITIES
DAMAGE PREVENTION ACT; TO REVISE MEMBERSHIP IN THE
ONE CALL CENTER UNDER THE ARKANSAS UNDERGROUND
FACILITIES DAMAGE PREVENTION ACT; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS UNDERGROUND
FACILITIES DAMAGE PREVENTION ACT; AND TO
REVISE MEMBERSHIP IN THE ONE CALL CENTER
UNDER THE ARKANSAS UNDERGROUND
FACILITIES DAMAGE PREVENTION ACT.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-271-107 is amended to read as follows:

14-271-107. Membership in One Call Center.

(a) All operators of underground facilities shall become members of the One Call Center; however, the ~~commission~~ Arkansas Public Service Commission may provide, by rule or by orders, for such exemptions or waivers concerning some or all of the requirements of membership as may appear reasonable and proper, as long as the exemption or waiver is not prohibited by statute or federal law.

(b)(1) An operator of an underground facility that fails to become a member of the One Call Center within thirty (30) days of a written warning is subject to a fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) unless the operator of an underground facility receives an exemption or a waiver under subsection (a)



1 of this section.

2 (2) An additional fine of five hundred dollars (\$500) may be
3 assessed for each thirty (30) calendar days the operator of the underground
4 facility fails to become a member of the One Call Center until the operator
5 of the underground facility applies to become a member of the One Call
6 Center.

7 (c) Additionally, other persons who own or control underground
8 facilities or similar facilities may, upon application, become members of the
9 One Call Center.

10 ~~(e)~~(d) Membership shall be evidenced by participation in, and payment
11 for, the services furnished by the One Call Center.

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