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A Bill

SENATE BILL 556

By: Senator M. Johnson

Filed with: Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor
pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

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.

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