| 1  | State of Arkansas   |   |                   |
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| 2  | 95th General Assembly   | A Bill                                      |                   |
| 3  | Regular Session, 2025   |   | HOUSE BILL 1575   |
| 4  |   |   |                   |
| 5  | By: Representative Lundstrum  |   |                   |
| 6  | By: Senator J. Bryant   |   |                   |
| 7  |   |   |                   |
| 8  | For An Act To Be Entitled   |   |                   |
| 9  | AN ACT TO PROHIBIT A PERSON THAT IS EMPLOYED OR HAS A                         |   |                   |
| 10 | DIRECT OR IN  | NDIRECT FINANCIAL INTEREST IN A FIRM        | 1,                |
| 11 | BUSINESS, OR ORGANIZATION THAT OWNS, OPERATES,                                |   |                   |
| 12 | REPRESENTS,   | OR APPLIES FOR A SOLID WASTE LICENS         | SE OR             |
| 13 | PERMIT FROM   | SERVING AS A MEMBER ON CERTAIN              |                   |
| 14 | COMMISSIONS   | AND BOARDS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.         | ,                 |
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| 17 |   | Subtitle                                    |                   |
| 18 | TO PRO  | HIBIT A PERSON THAT IS EMPLOYED OR          |                   |
| 19 | HAS A   | DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTEREST IN AN           |                   |
| 20 | ORGANI  | ZATION THAT OWNS, OPERATES,                 |                   |
| 21 | REPRES  | ENTS, OR APPLIES FOR A SOLID WASTE          |                   |
| 22 | LICENS  | E OR PERMIT FROM SERVING AS A               |                   |
| 23 | MEMBER  | ON CERTAIN BOARDS.                          |                   |
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| 25 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE GEN  | NERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKAN        | ISAS:             |
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| 27 | SECTION 1. Arkans   | sas Code $\S$ 8-4-104, concerning the $\pi$ | membership of the |
| 28 | Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission, is amended to add an       |   |                   |
| 29 | additional subsection to read as follows:                                     |   |                   |
| 30 | (h) A person shall not serve as a member of the Arkansas Pollution            |   |                   |
| 31 | Control and Ecology Commission if he or she is employed by a firm, business,  |   |                   |
| 32 | or organization that owns, operates, represents, or applies for a solid waste |   |                   |
| 33 | license or permit or in which that person has a direct or indirect financial  |   |                   |
| 34 | <pre>interest.</pre>  |   |                   |
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| 36 | SECTION 2. Arkans   | sas Code  8-6-703, concerning the           | reation of        |

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| 1  | regional solid waste planning districts and boards, is amended to add an      |  |  |
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| 2  | additional subsection to read as follows:                                     |  |  |
| 3  | (d) A person shall not serve as a member of the board if he or she is         |  |  |
| 4  | employed by a firm, business, or organization that owns, operates,            |  |  |
| 5  | represents, or applies for a solid waste license or permit or in which that   |  |  |
| 6  | person has a direct or indirect financial interest.                           |  |  |
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| 8  | SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 8-6-904(e), concerning the solid waste             |  |  |
| 9  | licensing committee to advise and assist in the administration of the solid   |  |  |
| 10 | waste licensing program, is amended to read as follows:                       |  |  |
| 11 | (e) No member of the committee A person shall participate in any              |  |  |
| 12 | licensing decision involving the firm or organization by which that member is |  |  |
| 13 | employed or not serve as a member of the committee if he or she is employed   |  |  |
| 14 | by a firm, business, or organization that owns, operates, represents, or      |  |  |
| 15 | applies for a solid waste license or permit under this subchapter or in which |  |  |
| 16 | that member person has a direct or indirect financial interest.               |  |  |
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