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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1576

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT A SOLID WASTE LANDFILL OR TRANSFER
10 STATION TO BE PLACED OVER A KARST TOPOGRAPHY AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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15 TO PROHIBIT A SOLID WASTE LANDFILL OR
16 TRANSFER STATION TO BE PLACED OVER A
17 KARST TOPOGRAPHY.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 8-6-203, concerning definitions within the
22 Arkansas Solid Waste Management Act, is amended to add an additional
23 subdivision to read as follows:

24 (23) "Karst topography" means an area with dissolution of
25 soluble carbonate rocks such as limestone and dolomite where the water system
26 is a network of interconnected fissures, fractures, and conduits emplaced in
27 a relatively low-permeability rock matrix.
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29 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 8-6-205(a), concerning illegal actions
30 under the Arkansas Solid Waste Management Act, is amended to read as follows:

31 (a) It shall be illegal for any person:

32 (1) To violate any provision of this subchapter or any rule or
33 order of the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission issued
34 pursuant to this subchapter or of a permit issued under this subchapter by
35 the Division of Environmental Quality;

36 (2) To construct, install, alter, modify, use, or operate any



1 solid waste processing or disposal facility or disposal site without a permit
2 from the division;

3 (3) To construct, install, modify, use, or operate any solid
4 waste processing or disposal facility or disposal site on or over karst
5 topography;

6 (4) To dispose of solid wastes at any disposal site or facility
7 other than a disposal site or facility for which a permit has been issued by
8 the division. However, no provision of this subchapter shall be construed so
9 as to prevent an individual from disposing of solid wastes resulting from his
10 or her own household activities on his or her own land if the disposal does
11 not create a public or private nuisance or a hazard to health and does not
12 violate a city ordinance or other law and does not involve the open dumping
13 of garbage;

14 ~~(4)~~(5) To dump, deposit, throw, or in any manner leave or
15 abandon any solid wastes, including, but not limited to, garbage, tin cans,
16 bottles, rubbish, refuse, or trash upon property owned by another person
17 without the written permission of the owner or occupant of the property or
18 upon any public highway, street, road, public park or recreation area, or any
19 other public property except as designated for disposal of waste; or

20 ~~(5)~~(6) To sort, collect, transport, process, or dispose of solid
21 waste contrary to the rules or orders of the division or in such a manner or
22 place as to create or be likely to create a public nuisance or a public
23 health hazard or to cause or be likely to cause water or air pollution within
24 the meaning of the Arkansas Water and Air Pollution Control Act, § 8-4-101 et
25 seq.

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