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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 556

## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROTECT PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SOURCES; TO  
10 PROHIBIT SURFACE DISCHARGE OF WASTEWATER INTO A  
11 WATERSHED; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 TO PROTECT PUBLIC DRINKING WATER  
16 SOURCES; AND TO PROHIBIT SURFACE  
17 DISCHARGE OF WASTEWATER INTO A  
18 WATERSHED.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 8, Chapter 3, Subchapter 1 is amended  
23 to add an additional section to read as follows:

24 8-3-104. Watershed discharge prohibition.

25 (a) A person or entity shall not discharge via surface discharge  
26 wastewater into a watershed of any source of public drinking water at any  
27 point upstream of where water is taken from the stream, river, lake, or other  
28 body of water by a public water system.

29 (b) This section does not apply to discharge permitted under the  
30 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System stormwater discharge program  
31 or the state stormwater discharge program.

32 (c) The Division of Environmental Quality shall enforce this section.  
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