

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
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4 **By: Representative Hinshaw**

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1239

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND SUBDIVISION (a) (3) (I) (i) OF ARKANSAS CODE
9 §27-14-601 TO ELIMINATE THE SEPARATE CLASS OF REGISTRATION
10 FOR GOOSENECK TRAILERS AND THE TWENTY DOLLAR (\$20.00) FEE
11 AND TO CHANGE THE REGISTRATION FEE FOR TRAILERS DRAWN BY
12 AUTOMOBILES AND SMALL TRUCKS AND TO CHANGE THE
13 REGISTRATION FEE OF ALL SEMITRAILERS USED IN COMBINATION
14 WITH CLASS TWO THROUGH EIGHT TRUCKS; TO AMEND SUBSECTION
15 (b) OF ARKANSAS CODE §27-14-601 TO ALLOW FOR THE
16 REGISTRATION OF ALL TRAILERS DRAWN BY AUTOMOBILES AND
17 SMALL TRUCKS ON A YEAR-ROUND BASIS; AND FOR OTHER
18 PURPOSES."

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

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22 SECTION 1. Subdivision (a) (3) (I) (i) of Arkansas Code 27-14-601 is
23 hereby amended to read as follows:

24 "(I) Class Nine - (i) (a) For the purpose of evidencing registration of
25 trailers, semitrailers, and full trailers, there shall be issued special
26 license plates, and annual registration fees charged and collected according
27 to the following schedule:

28 (1) All trailers drawn by automobiles and Class One trucks, a fee
29 of seven dollars (\$7.00);

30 (2) All semitrailers used in combination with Classes Two through
31 Eight trucks, a fee of *twenty dollars (\$20.00)*. Provided, however, the owner
32 of any semitrailer used in combination with Classes Two through Eight trucks
33 may, at his option, pay a fee of sixty-five dollars (\$65.00) for issuance of a
34 permanent registration that shall remain valid, without annual renewal, until
35 he sells or otherwise disposes of the semitrailer for which such registration

1 is issued. Permanent registrations issued under this subdivision shall not be
2 transferred to other owners or other vehicles, and shall not be replaced under
3 27-14-602(b) (6);

4 (3) Full trailers operated in the transportation of farm products
5 and other natural resources described as Class Eight, a fee of eight dollars
6 (\$8.00); and

7 (4) For all other full trailers there shall be charged an annual
8 license fee computed on the gross loaded weight of the vehicle at the
9 appropriate rate provided by Classes Two through Seven of subsection (a) (3) of
10 this section.

11 (b) For the purpose of evidencing registration of trailers classified
12 under subsection (a) (3) (I) (i) (a) (1), there shall be charged and collected a
13 biennial fee based upon the annual fee set forth therein. Unless a trailer
14 license issued under this provision is renewed on or before the fifteenth day
15 following its expiration, it shall lapse and shall no longer be of any force
16 or effect unless renewed in the manner prescribed by law.

17 (c) For the purpose of evidencing registration of a combination of
18 truck-tractor and semitrailer classified by subsection (a) (3) (I) (i) (a) (2), the
19 license fee for the gross weight of the combination shall be computed at the
20 appropriate rate provided by Classes Two through Eight of subsection (a) (3) of
21 this section and shall be applied to the registration of the truck tractor."
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23 SECTION 2. Subsection (b) of Arkansas Code §27-14-601 is hereby amended
24 to read as follows:

25 "(b) (1) Period Covered and Expiration of Registration.

26 On all motor vehicles, except trucks other than Class One trucks as
27 defined in 27-14-1002, truck-tractors, trailers, and semitrailers, and
28 combinations thereof, the duration and expiration of registration shall be in
29 accord with the provisions of 27-14-1011, and all fees provided in this
30 section for such motor vehicles shall be due and payable annually as provided
31 therein.

32 (2) (A) (i) On all trucks except Class One trucks as defined in
33 27-14-1002, truck-tractors, trailers, and semitrailers, and combinations
34 thereof, except trailers drawn by automobiles and Class One trucks, the
35 registration shall expire on June 30 of each year and all fees provided in
36 this section for such vehicles shall be due and payable annually between July

1 1 and 4:30 p.m. on July 31 of each year.

2 (ii) If application for such license is made after
3 January 1 and before April 1, one-half (1/2) of the fee specified in this
4 subdivision shall be charged for such license for the remaining portion of
5 that year; provided,

6 (iii) If application for such license is made between
7 April 1 and before July 1 of any year, the fee to be charged for the remaining
8 portion of that year shall be one-fourth (1/4) of the annual amount specified
9 in this subdivision.

10 (iv) No person shall have the authority to extend the
11 time for payment of such fees past the period specified in this subdivision.

12 (v) These provisions shall not apply to trailers
13 drawn by automobiles and Class One trucks .

14 (B)(i) All licenses issued for trailers drawn by
15 automobiles and Class One trucks as provided for in subdivision
16 (a)(3)(I)(i)(a)(1) of this section shall be for a period of two (2) years.

17 (ii) The director shall establish a system for the
18 issuance of licenses to trailers drawn by automobiles and Class One trucks to
19 the end that such trailer licenses will be renewable as uniformly as
20 practicable throughout each of the twelve (12) months of the license year.

21 (iii) The registration of trailers drawn by
22 automobiles and Class One trucks shall be arranged, so far as practical, to
23 assure that each individual's trailer registration will be renewable on the
24 same date as their boat registration or motor vehicle registration."

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26 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of general and permanent nature
27 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
28 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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30 SECTION 4. If any provisions of this act or the application thereof to
31 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect
32 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
33 the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this
34 act are declared to be severable.

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