

1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **79th General Assembly**  
3 **Regular Session, 1993**  
4 **By: Senator Scott**

# A Bill

**SENATE BILL**

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT MOTOR VEHICLE SPLASH GUARD  
9 REQUIREMENTS SHALL NOT BE APPLICABLE TO FOLDING POLE  
10 TRAILERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

13 "EXEMPTING FOLDING POLE TRAILERS FROM SPLASH GUARD  
14 REQUIREMENTS."

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

18 SECTION 1. Regulations of the Arkansas Highway Commission requiring  
19 certain trucks, truck/tractors and semi-trailers to be equipped with splash  
20 aprons (mud flaps) shall not be applicable to folding pole log trailers  
21 operated on the roads and highways in this state.

23 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
24 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
25 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

27 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
28 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
29 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
30 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
31 act are declared to be severable.

33 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
34 hereby repealed.

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1           SECTION 5. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General  
2 Assembly that the Arkansas Highway Commission has adopted a regulation  
3 requiring trucks, truck/tractors, and semi-trailers with a gross weight rating  
4 of more than 10,000 pounds to be equipped with mud flaps; that the requirement  
5 of mud flaps is unnecessary and unreasonable when applied to folding pole log  
6 trailers; that when such trailers are unloaded and in the folded position, the  
7 trailer wheels are off the ground and the truck/tractors are equipped with mud  
8 flaps; that when such trailers are loaded with logs, the logs extend beyond  
9 the rear wheels of the trailer and prevent the wheels from throwing mud and  
10 rocks on following vehicles; and that this act should be given effect  
11 immediately to relieve operators of such trailers from the mud flap  
12 requirement. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this act  
13 being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety  
14 shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

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