

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 84th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2003

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1454

4
5 By: Representatives Thomason, Sullivan, Bond, L. Evans, Childers, Verkamp, Cowling, Bolin, House,
6 Scroggin
7 By: Senators Hill, Bryles

For An Act To Be Entitled

11 AN ACT TO REPEAL THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ESCORT
12 VEHICLES WITH LOADS IN EXCESS OF NINETY (90) FEET
13 TRAVELING ON THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS; AND FOR
14 OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

17 TO REPEAL THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ESCORT
18 VEHICLES WITH LOADS IN EXCESS OF NINETY
19 (90) FEET TRAVELING ON THE STREETS AND
20 HIGHWAYS.

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

25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-35-208(h), concerning escort vehicles
26 required for over-length loads on the streets and highways, is repealed.

27 ~~(h)(1) When any vehicle or a combination of vehicles has a length in~~
28 ~~excess of ninety feet (90'), but no more than one hundred ten feet (110'),~~
29 ~~the vehicle must be escorted by at least one (1) escort vehicle traveling~~
30 ~~behind the over-length vehicle.~~

31 ~~(2) When a vehicle or combination of vehicles has a length in~~
32 ~~excess of one hundred ten feet (110'), the vehicle must be accompanied by at~~
33 ~~least two (2) escort vehicles, one (1) to travel in front of the over-length~~
34 ~~vehicle and the other to travel in the rear of the over-length vehicle.~~

36 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the



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1 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the economic recession has
2 created an extremely competitive environment for transporting over-length
3 loads of structural steel and steel pipe for the domestic U.S. steel
4 industry; that competition from cheaper imported steel reduces profit-margins
5 to the point where all costs must be reduced; that requiring two (2) escort
6 vehicles for over-length loads increases transportation costs for Arkansas'
7 steel producers; and that this act is immediately necessary because all
8 transportation costs must be kept competitive to keep jobs in Arkansas.
9 Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately
10 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall
11 become effective on:

- 12 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;
- 13 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the
14 expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill;
15 or
- 16 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden,
17 the date the last house overrides the veto.

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