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HOUSE BILL 1838

5
6 By: Representative D. Hodges

7 Filed with: House Committee on Public Transportation
8 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

9 For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT A DRIVER OF A VEHICLE YIELD
11 THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO A PUBLIC TRANSIT BUS; AND OTHER
12 PURPOSES.

13 Subtitle

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15 TO REQUIRE THAT A DRIVER OF A VEHICLE
16 YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO A PUBLIC
17 TRANSIT BUS.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-49-114, concerning the definitions used
24 under the subtitle regarding the applicability and construction of motor
25 vehicle traffic, is amended to add additional subdivisions read as follows:

26 (34) "Public transit bus" means a bus operated by a public transit
27 operator; and

28 (35) "Public transit operator" means a state or local governmental
29 entity which provides public transit services within the state.

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31 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 27, Chapter 49, Subchapter 1, is
32 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

33 27-49-115. Public transit bus – Right-of-way.

34 (a) A driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to a public
35 transit bus traveling in the same direction when the driver of the public
36 transit bus signals that the public transit bus is reentering the traffic

1 flow after stopping at a designated public transit bus stop or after stopping
2 to allow passengers to board or exit the public transit bus.

3 (b) This section does not relieve the driver of a public transit bus
4 from his or her duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons
5 using the roadway.

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8 Referred requested by the Arkansas House of Representatives

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