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A Bill

ACT 659 OF 1995
HOUSE BILL 1683

4 **By: Representatives Kidd, D. Wood and Watts**

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 27-53-201 THROUGH 27-53-203
9 CONCERNING VEHICLE ACCIDENT REPORTS; TO AMEND ARKANSAS
10 CODE 27-53-101 (b) (2), 27-53-103, AND 27-53-105 (a) TO
11 CORRECT REFERENCES TO DRIVER'S LICENSES AND COMMERCIAL
12 DRIVER'S LICENSES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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Subtitle

16 "AN ACT CONCERNING VEHICLE ACCIDENT
17 REPORTS."

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

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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 27-53-201 is amended to read as follows:

22 "27-53-201. Penalty.

23 (a) Any person who fails or refuses to comply with § 27-53-202 or § 27-
24 53-203 shall be punished, upon a conviction in the county where the accident
25 occurred, by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more
26 than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

27 (b) For willful refusal to comply with § 27-53-202 or § 27-53-203, the
28 commissioner shall revoke the driver's license or commercial driver's license
29 of the person so convicted."

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31 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 27-53-202 is amended to read as follows:

32 "27-53-202. Reports of accidents required - Supplemental reports.

33 (a) The driver of a vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injury
34 to or death of any person or total property damage to an apparent extent of
35 five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or more shall notify the nearest law
36 enforcement agency immediately. All persons involved in the accident shall

1 make themselves readily available to the investigating agency's officer or
2 officers.

3 (b)(1) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a) of this
4 section, the driver of any taxicab, motor bus, or other motor vehicle carrying
5 passengers for hire involved in an accident resulting in injury to or death of
6 any person shall notify the nearest law enforcement agency immediately. The
7 drivers of any taxicab, motor bus or other motor vehicle carrying passengers
8 for hire shall make themselves readily available to the investigating agency's
9 office or officers.

10 (2) The accident report shall contain a full and complete list of
11 the names and addresses of all passengers occupying the taxicab, bus, or other
12 vehicle at the time of the accident.

13 (c) The Department of Arkansas State Police may require any driver of a
14 vehicle involved in an accident that must be reported under this section to
15 file supplemental reports whenever the original report is insufficient in the
16 opinion of the Department of Arkansas State Police and may require witnesses
17 of an accident to render reports to the Department of Arkansas State Police.

18 (d) In all traffic accidents involving motorcycles, motor-driven
19 cycles, motorized bicycles, or any other two-wheeled or three-wheeled motor
20 vehicle, all written reports of the accident shall be supplemented with a
21 motorcycle traffic accident report."

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23 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code 27-53-203 is amended to read as follows:

24 "27-53-203. Incapacity to make report.

25 (a) Whenever the driver of a vehicle is physically incapable of
26 reporting an accident, as required by § 27-53-202, and there was another
27 occupant in the vehicle at the time of the accident capable of making a
28 report, the occupant shall make, or cause to be made, the report.

29 (b) Whenever the driver of any taxicab, bus, or other motor vehicle
30 carrying passengers for hire is physically incapable of reporting an accident,
31 as required by § 27-53-202, it shall be the duty of the person in charge of
32 the nearest office of the taxicab company, bus company, or other motor vehicle
33 public carrier to make the report or cause it to be made."

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35 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code 27-53-101 (b)(2) is amended to read as

1 follows:

2 "(2) The commissioner shall revoke the driver's license or commercial
3 driver's license of the person so convicted."

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5 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code 27-53-103 is amended to read as follows:

6 "27-53-103. Duty to give information and render aid.

7 The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injury
8 to, or death of, any person or damage to any vehicle which is driven or
9 attended by any person shall give his name, address, and the registration
10 number of the vehicle he is driving. Upon request and if available, the driver
11 shall exhibit his driver's license or commercial driver's license to the
12 person struck, or the driver or occupant of, or person attending, any vehicle
13 collided with and shall render to any person injured in the accident
14 reasonable assistance, including the transporting, or the making of
15 arrangements for the transporting, of the person to a physician, surgeon, or
16 hospital for medical or surgical treatment if it is apparent that treatment is
17 necessary or if transporting is requested by the injured person."

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19 SECTION 6. Arkansas Code 27-53-105 (a) is amended to read as follows:

20 "(a) The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting only
21 in damage to fixtures legally upon or adjacent to a highway shall take
22 reasonable steps to locate and notify the owner or person in charge of the
23 property of that fact and of his name and address and of the registration
24 number of the vehicle he is driving. Upon request and if available, the driver
25 shall exhibit his driver's license or commercial driver's license and shall
26 make report of the accident when and as required in § 27-53-202."

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28 SECTION 7. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent
29 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
30 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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32 SECTION 8. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
33 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
34 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
35 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this

1 act are declared to be severable.

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3 SECTION 9. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
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