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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO TITLE 27 OF
10 THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING TRANSPORTATION; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO TITLE 27
15 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING
16 TRANSPORTATION.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-14-1204(a), concerning penalties, is
23 amended to read as follows to remove references to a superseded Act section:

24 (a) Any owner of a trailer failing to comply with the provisions of
25 this subchapter shall be subject to the penalties provided for in ~~Acts 1945,~~
26 ~~No. 221, § 3~~ § 27-14-304.
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28 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-15-4907 is amended to read as follows to
29 remove references to a repealed Code section:

30 27-15-4907. Compliance with other laws.

31 The special In God We Trust license plate shall comply with+

32 ~~(1) The minimum number of license plate applications required~~
33 ~~under § 27-15-4004; and~~

34 ~~(2) All other~~ all state motor vehicle laws relating to
35 registration and licensing of motor vehicles unless specifically provided
36 otherwise in this subchapter.



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 2 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 27-15-5106 is amended to read as follows to
 3 remove references to a repealed Code section:

4 27-15-5106. Compliance with other laws.

5 The Arkansas State Golf Association special license plates shall comply
 6 with all other state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and
 7 licensing of motor vehicles, ~~including the minimum number of license plate~~
 8 ~~applications required under § 27-15-4004~~, except as specifically provided
 9 otherwise in this subchapter.

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 11 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 27-15-5206 is amended to read as follows to
 12 remove references to a repealed Code section:

13 27-15-5206. Compliance with other laws.

14 Except as specifically provided otherwise in this subchapter, the
 15 Arkansas Fallen Firefighters' Memorial special license plates shall comply
 16 with all other state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and
 17 licensing of motor vehicles, ~~including the minimum number of license plate~~
 18 ~~applications required under § 27-15-4004~~.

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 20 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 27-19-711 is amended to read as follows to
 21 remove references to repealed Code sections and to make stylistic changes:

22 27-19-711. Proof to be furnished for each vehicle.

23 (a) No vehicle shall be, or continue to be, registered in the name of
 24 any person required to file proof of financial responsibility for the future
 25 unless proof ~~shall be~~ is furnished for the vehicle.

26 (b) Proof of financial responsibility when required under this
 27 chapter, with respect to the vehicle or with respect to a person who is not
 28 the owner of the vehicle, may be given by filing:

29 (1) A certificate of insurance as provided in § 27-19-712; or

30 (2) ~~A bond as provided in § 27-19-716; or~~

31 ~~(3)~~

32 ~~(4)~~ (4) A certificate of self-insurance, as provided in § 27-19-
 33 107, supplemented by an agreement by the self-insurer that, with respect to
 34 accidents occurring while the certificate is in force, he or she will pay the
 35 same amounts that an insurer would have been obliged to pay under an owner's
 36 motor vehicle liability policy if it had issued such a policy to the self-

1 insurer.

2 SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 27-23-119 is amended to read as follows:
3 27-23-119. Exemption regulations.

4 In the event that it shall be determined by federal regulation that
5 certain classes of drivers shall be exempt from the application of the
6 Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986 (~~CMVSA~~), Pub. L. 99-570, Title
7 XII, the State Highway Commission shall have the authority to and shall
8 promulgate rules and regulations to exempt those certain classes of drivers
9 from the application of this subchapter.

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11 SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 27-24-1001(2), concerning the purpose of
12 the Special License Plate Act of 2005, is amended to read as follows:

13 (2) Authorize a special license plate for the Arkansas School
14 for the Deaf, which is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission ~~of the~~
15 ~~North Central Association of Colleges and Schools~~ and has students up to
16 twenty-one (21) years of age.

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18 SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 27-24-1002(3), concerning the definition of
19 "college or university", is amended to read as follows:

20 (3) Is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission ~~of the North~~
21 ~~Central Association of Colleges and Schools~~;

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23 SECTION 9. Arkansas Code § 27-24-1102(3), concerning the definition of
24 "college or university", is amended to read as follows:

25 (3) Is accredited by the ~~Commission on Institutions of Higher~~
26 ~~Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools~~ Higher
27 Learning Commission;

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29 SECTION 10. Arkansas Code § 27-24-1403 is repealed.

30 ~~27-24-1403. Expedited application process for certain special license~~
31 ~~plates.~~

32 ~~(a) An organization that represents a group of persons with a~~
33 ~~viewpoint that is different from the viewpoint expressed on a special license~~
34 ~~plate that existed before April 13, 2005, may apply and request the expedited~~
35 ~~application process for the Department of Finance and Administration to~~
36 ~~create and issue a special license plate for the organization's viewpoint.~~

1 ~~(b)(1) An application submitted under this section shall include the~~
2 ~~following:~~

3 ~~(A) A proposed design of the special license plate that~~
4 ~~complies with § 27-24-105(b) and related rules;~~

5 ~~(B) Documentation to support that the organization is a~~
6 ~~state agency or a nonprofit organization that has been approved for tax~~
7 ~~exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as in~~
8 ~~effect on January 1, 2005;~~

9 ~~(C) The organization's financial plan for the use of the~~
10 ~~proceeds from the special license plate; and~~

11 ~~(D) An affidavit signed by an official of the organization~~
12 ~~that states that the proceeds from the special license plate will be used~~
13 ~~according to the financial plan submitted with the application.~~

14 ~~(2) The department shall either approve or deny an application~~
15 ~~under this section within sixty (60) days after receipt of the application.~~

16 ~~(c)(1)(A) If the Director of the Department of Finance and~~
17 ~~Administration approves the application, then he or she shall determine:~~

18 ~~(i) The fee for the cost of initial orders of new~~
19 ~~designs for special license plates which shall be based on the cost of~~
20 ~~initial orders of new designs for special license plates;~~

21 ~~(ii) The number of applications that must be~~
22 ~~received to cover the cost of the initial orders of new designs for special~~
23 ~~license plates; or~~

24 ~~(iii) The combination of subdivisions (c)(1)(A)(i)~~
25 ~~and (ii) of this section that must be received to cover the cost of the~~
26 ~~initial orders of new designs for special license plates.~~

27 ~~(B)(i) The fee remitted under subdivision (c)(1)(A)(i) of~~
28 ~~this section shall be deposited into the State Central Services Fund for the~~
29 ~~benefit of the Revenue Division of the Department of Finance and~~
30 ~~Administration.~~

31 ~~(ii) The fee shall be credited as supplemental and~~
32 ~~in addition to all other funds as may be deposited for the benefit of the~~
33 ~~division.~~

34 ~~(iii) The fee shall not be considered or credited to~~
35 ~~the division as direct revenue.~~

36 ~~(2) If the director denies the application, then:~~

1 (A) ~~The director shall give the applicant written notice~~
2 ~~of the reasons for the denial; and~~

3 (B) ~~The applicant may:~~

4 (i) ~~Proceed as provided under § 27-24-107; or~~

5 (ii) ~~Apply for a special interest license plate~~
6 ~~under § 27-24-1405.~~

7 (d)(1) ~~An organization that applies for the issuance of a special~~
8 ~~license plate under this section may establish a fee not to exceed twenty-~~
9 ~~five dollars (\$25.00) for the design-use contribution or for fund-raising~~
10 ~~purposes for the issuance and renewal of a special license plate.~~

11 (2) ~~If an organization establishes a fee for the design-use~~
12 ~~contribution or fund-raising purposes under this subsection, then the~~
13 ~~organization shall provide:~~

14 (A) ~~Its financial plan for the use of the proceeds from~~
15 ~~the special license plate; and~~

16 (B) ~~An affidavit signed by an official of the organization~~
17 ~~that states that the proceeds from the special license plate will be used~~
18 ~~according to the financial plan submitted with the application.~~

19 (c) ~~An organization's application for a special license plate under~~
20 ~~this section shall establish the organization's compliance with the following~~
21 ~~conditions:~~

22 (1) ~~The organization is a state agency or a nonprofit~~
23 ~~organization that has been approved for tax exempt status under Section~~
24 ~~501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as in effect on January 1, 2005;~~

25 (2) ~~The organization is based, headquartered, or has a chapter~~
26 ~~in Arkansas;~~

27 (3) ~~The purpose of the organization is for social, civic,~~
28 ~~entertainment, or other purposes;~~

29 (4) ~~The name of the organization is not the name of a special~~
30 ~~product or a brand name;~~

31 (5) ~~The name of the organization is not interpreted by the~~
32 ~~department as promoting a special product or a brand name;~~

33 (6) ~~The organization is not a political party;~~

34 (7) ~~The organization was not created primarily to promote a~~
35 ~~specific political belief; and~~

36 (8) ~~The organization shall not have as its primary purpose the~~

1 ~~promotion of any specific religion, faith, or anti-religion.~~

2 ~~(f) This section shall expire on April 1, 2007.~~

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4 SECTION 11. Arkansas Code § 27-32-101(b), concerning motor vehicle
5 safety, is amended to read as follows:

6 (b) Any certified police officer ~~upon~~ having reasonable cause to
7 believe that a motor vehicle is unsafe or not equipped as required by law or
8 that ~~its~~ the motor vehicle equipment is not in proper adjustment or repair,
9 may require the driver of the motor vehicle to stop and submit the vehicle to
10 an inspection and test as may be appropriate.

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12 SECTION 12. Arkansas Code § 27-50-906 is amended to read as follows:
13 27-50-906. Furnishing of abstracts.

14 (a)(1) The Office of Driver Services may furnish an abstract or driver
15 confirmation record of any driver's record to:

16 ~~(1)(A)~~ The driver on whom the record has been compiled;

17 ~~(2)(B)~~ Any person who has been authorized in writing by the
18 driver to obtain the driver's record;

19 ~~(3)(C)~~ Any court having jurisdiction over traffic offenses;

20 ~~(4)(D)~~ Any law enforcement officer, who shall use the report
21 only in the line of duty in enforcing the traffic laws of this state;

22 ~~(5)(E)~~ Employers of drivers, provided that the driver has given
23 his or her written consent for the employer to obtain the driver's record;

24 ~~(6)(F)~~ Any insurer licensed to do business in Arkansas or its
25 agents, employees, or contractors in connection with the driving record or
26 driver confirmation record of an insured or applicant and all licensed
27 drivers in the household of the insured or applicant~~+~~.

28 ~~(7)(A)~~(2)(A) Any governmental department or agency upon a
29 showing of reasonable cause as to why the driver's record should be issued to
30 the governmental department or agency in order for the governmental
31 department or agency to effectively carry out its statutory duties.

32 ~~(B)~~ No driver's record shall be reported to any individual
33 except duly authorized officials of the office unless a copy of the report
34 and the name of the individual or organization which received the report are
35 sent to the driver named in the report; and

36 ~~(8)(A)~~(3)(A) A driver's license status report shall be available

1 to rental car companies who otherwise meet the requirements of this section
 2 for receiving an abstract of a driver's record upon the payment of one dollar
 3 (\$1.00) for each license number checked. This fee shall be deposited to the
 4 State Treasury into the State Central Services Fund as a direct revenue to be
 5 used by the Revenue Division of the Department of Finance and Administration.

6 ~~(B)~~ The Information Network of Arkansas may charge an
 7 additional fee for the service of transmitting this information
 8 electronically.

9 (b) For purposes of this section, "driver confirmation record" means
 10 information in the office concerning the name, date of birth, and current
 11 address of the licensed driver.

12 (c)(1)(A) The fee for an insured's or applicant's driver confirmation
 13 record shall be ten cents (10¢) per record.

14 (B) This fee shall be deposited into the fund as a direct
 15 revenue to be used by the division.

16 (2) The network may charge an additional fee for the service of
 17 transmitting this information electronically.

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 19 SECTION 13. Arkansas Code § 27-65-143 is amended to read as follows to
 20 make stylistic changes:

21 27-65-143. Award of pistol and shotgun upon retirement or death.

22 When a highway police patrol officer of the Arkansas Highway Police
 23 Division of the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department retires
 24 from service or dies while still employed with the ~~department~~ Arkansas State
 25 Highway and Transportation Department, in recognition of and appreciation for
 26 the service of the retiring or deceased officer, the State Highway Commission
 27 may award the pistol, or the shotgun, or both, carried or used by the officer
 28 while on duty at the time of his or her death or retirement from service to:

29 (1) The officer upon retirement; or

30 (2) The officer's spouse if the officer is deceased and the
 31 spouse is eligible under applicable state and federal laws to possess a
 32 firearm.

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 34 SECTION 14. DO NOT CODIFY. The enactment and adoption of this act
 35 shall not repeal, expressly or impliedly, the acts passed at the regular
 36 session of the Ninetieth General Assembly. All such acts shall have the full

1 force and effect, and so far as those acts intentionally vary from or
2 conflict with any provision contained in this act, those acts shall have the
3 effect of subsequent acts and as amending or repealing the appropriate parts
4 of the Arkansas Code of 1987.

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