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4

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 511

5 By: Senator K. Hammer  
6 By: Representative Hawk  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PARTICIPATING IN A  
10 DRAG RACE ON A PUBLIC HIGHWAY; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

14 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PARTICIPATING  
15 IN A DRAG RACE ON A PUBLIC HIGHWAY.  
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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 § 27-50-309, concerning racing or observing a  
22 drag race on a public highway, is amended to add an additional subsection to  
23 read as follows:

24 (e)(1) A motor vehicle operated in a race or drag race on a public  
25 highway may be impounded at a law enforcement officer's discretion at the  
26 time he or she issues the operator of the motor vehicle a citation for a  
27 subsequent offense of subdivisions (b)(1)(A) or (c)(1) of this section  
28 committed within five (5) years of a prior offense.

29 (2) A motor vehicle impounded under subdivision (e)(1) of this  
30 section is impounded at the registered owner's expense.

31 (3) If a motor vehicle is impounded under this section:

32 (A) The law enforcement agency shall use its towing policy  
33 as required for the towing and storage of motor vehicles under § 27-50-1207  
34 and a towing rotation list if applicable;

35 (B) The provisions of § 27-50-1201 et seq. regarding the  
36 towing and storage of motor vehicles shall apply;



1                   (C) An inventory of the contents of the motor vehicle  
2 shall be taken; and

3                   (D) The owner, operator, or other person in charge of the  
4 vehicle:

5                               (i) May contest the impoundment; and

6                               (ii) Shall be given notice at the time of  
7 impoundment of the right to contest the impoundment consistent with § 27-50-  
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