Act 258 HB1024

"AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 50 OF ACT 300 OF 1937, AS AMENDED [ARKANSAS STATUTE 75-1003], TO INCREASE THE CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR RECKLESS DRIVING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Section 50 of Act 300 of 1937, as amended, the same being Arkansas Statute 75-1003, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 50. (a) Any person who drives any vehicle in such a manner as to indicate a wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property, is guilty of reckless driving.

- (b) If physical injury to a person results, every person convicted of reckless driving shall be punished upon a first conviction by imprisonment for a period of not less than thirty (30) days nor more than ninety (90) days, or by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Otherwise, every person convicted of reckless driving shall be punished upon a first conviction by imprisonment for a period of not less than five (5) days nor more ninety (90) days, or a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$500, or by both such fine and imprisonment.
- (c) For a second or subsequent offense occurring within three (3) years of the first offense, every person convicted of reckless driving shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than thirty (30) days nor more than six (6) months, or by a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000, or by both such fine and imprisonment; provided if such second or subsequent offense involves physical injury to a person, the person convicted shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than sixty (60) days nor more than one (1) year or by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or by both such fine and imprisonment."

SECTION 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

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