

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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# A Bill

Act 330 of 2001  
HOUSE BILL 1452

5 By: Representative R. Smith  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PERMANENT REGISTRATION OF  
10 TRAILERS DRAWN BY AUTOMOBILES AND CLASS ONE TRUCKS;  
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

14 PERMANENT REGISTRATION OF TRAILERS DRAWN  
15 BY AUTOS AND CLASS ONE TRUCKS.  
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 27-14-601(a)(3)(1)(i), concerning the  
21 registration of trailers and semi trailers, is amended to read as follows:

22 (i)(a) For the purpose of evidencing registration of  
23 trailers, semi trailers, and full trailers, there shall be issued special  
24 license plates and annual registration fees charged and collected according to  
25 the following schedule:

26 (1) All trailers drawn by automobiles and Class One  
27 trucks, and all boat trailers and travel trailers drawn by any truck, which  
28 *truck has a load capacity of one (1) ton or less, a triennial fee of ~~seven~~*  
29 *~~dollars (\$7.00) twenty-one dollars (\$21.00). Provided, however, every owner~~*  
30 *of a trailer drawn by automobiles and Class One trucks, and all boat trailers*  
31 *and travel trailers drawn by any truck, purchased or otherwise acquired on or*  
32 *after January 1, 2002 shall pay thirty-six dollars (\$36.00) for the issuance*  
33 *of a permanent registration that shall remain valid, without renewal, until*  
34 *the owner of such trailer sells or otherwise disposes of the trailer for which*  
35 *such registration is issued. Permanent registration issued under this*  
36 *subdivision (a)(3)(1)(i)(a)(1) shall not be transferred to other owners or*

1 other vehicles, and shall not be replaced under § 27-14-602(b)(6). Any owner  
 2 of a trailer registered under the provisions of this subdivision  
 3 (a)(3)(1)(i)(a)(1) before January 1, 2002 may, at his option, upon expiration  
 4 of such registration, pay thirty-six dollars (\$36.00) for the issuance of a  
 5 permanent registration as authorized herein;

6 (2) All semi trailers used in combination with Class  
 7 Two-Class Eight trucks, with the exception of those for which a fee is set out  
 8 in subdivision (a)(3)(1)(i)(a)(1) of this section, a fee of twenty dollars  
 9 (\$20.00). Provided, however, the owner of any semi trailer used in combination  
 10 with Class Two-Class Eight trucks may, at his option, pay a fee of sixty-five  
 11 dollars (\$65.00) for issuance of a permanent registration that shall remain  
 12 valid, without annual renewal, until he sells or otherwise disposes of the  
 13 semi trailer for which such registration is issued. Permanent registrations  
 14 issued under this subdivision (a)(3)(1)(i)(a)(2) shall not be transferred to  
 15 other owners or other vehicles, and shall not be replaced under § 27-14-  
 16 602(b)(6);

17 (3) Full trailers operated in the transportation of  
 18 farm products and other natural resources described as Class Eight, a fee of  
 19 eight dollars (\$8.00); and

20 (4) For all other full trailers there shall be  
 21 charged an annual license fee computed on the gross loaded weight of the  
 22 vehicle at the appropriate rate provided by Class Two-Class Seven of  
 23 subdivision (a)(3) of this section.

24 ~~(b) For the purposes of evidencing registration of trailers registered~~  
 25 ~~under subdivision (a)(3)(1)(i)(a)(1), there shall be collected a triennial fee~~  
 26 ~~based upon the annual fee set forth therein. Unless a trailer license issued~~  
 27 ~~under this provision is renewed on or before the fifteenth day following its~~  
 28 ~~expiration, it shall lapse and shall no longer be of any force or effect~~  
 29 ~~unless renewed in the manner prescribed by law.~~

30 ~~(e)~~ (b) For the purpose of evidencing registration of a combination of  
 31 truck-tractor and semi trailer classified by subdivision (a)(3)(1)(i)(a)(2),  
 32 the license fee for the gross weight of the combination shall be computed at  
 33 the appropriate rate provided by Class Two-Class Eight of subdivision (a)(3)  
 34 of this section and shall be applied to the registration of the truck tractor.

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 36 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 27-14-1205 is repealed.

1           ~~27-14-1205. Registration on monthly basis.~~

2           ~~(a) The director shall establish a system of registration on a monthly~~  
 3 ~~series basis to distribute the work of registering trailers as uniformly as~~  
 4 ~~practicable throughout the twelve (12) months of the calendar year.~~

5           ~~(b) The director may set the number of renewal periods within the month~~  
 6 ~~from one (1) each month to one (1) each day of the month depending on which~~  
 7 ~~system is most economical and best accommodates the public.~~

8           ~~(c) The director shall, upon request, assign to any owner of two (2) or~~  
 9 ~~more trailers the same registration period.~~

10          ~~(d) Registration shall be valid for three (3) years from the date~~  
 11 ~~thereof and shall continue for three year periods thereafter, as long as~~  
 12 ~~renewed every three (3) years within the time required by law.~~

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 14          SECTION 3. Arkansas Code 27-14-1206, concerning the time and place for  
 15 registration or renewal of trailers, is amended to read as follows:

16          27-14-1206. Time and place for registration or renewal.

17          (a) An applicant may apply, in person or by mail, for the issuance of  
 18 permanent license plates ~~or renewal of license~~ to the revenue collector in the  
 19 county where he resides or to the director.

20          (b) ~~Forty five (45)~~ Thirty (30) days before the expiration of ~~the a~~  
 21 license issued prior to January 1, 2002, the director shall notify the owner  
 22 of a registered trailer subject to this subchapter at the last address of the  
 23 owner of the trailer as the owner's name and address appear on the records of  
 24 the office, but the director is not required to go beyond the face of the last  
 25 registration statement.

26          (c)(1) A proper application for registration or renewal of a  
 27 registration issued prior to January 1, 2002 by mail must be postmarked not  
 28 later than fifteen (15) days before the date for renewal to allow time for  
 29 processing.

30          (2) The director is authorized to impose a first class postage  
 31 fee for handling the issuance of all new licenses or renewals by mail.

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 33          SECTION 4. Arkansas Code 27-14-1210(a) is amended to read as follows:

34          (a) The owner of every trailer of a type subject to the provisions of  
 35 this subchapter, upon registration, shall receive a permanent license plate  
 36 issued by the director upon the payment of ~~a biennial fee based upon the~~

1 ~~annual fee as~~ the fee set forth in § 27-14-601.

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3 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code 27-14-1211(a) is amended to read as follows:

4 (a) The Director of the Department of Finance and Administration is  
5 authorized to issue to the owner of a trailer subject to this subchapter a  
6 permanent license plate, subject to replacement ~~at the request of the owner~~  
7 ~~because of theft, loss, wear, or mutilation, or at the discretion of either~~  
8 ~~the Director of the Department of Arkansas State Police or the Director of the~~  
9 ~~Department of Finance and Administration~~ upon payment of the fee set forth in  
10 § 27-14-601.

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12 SECTION 6. Arkansas Code 27-14-1213(a) is amended to read as follows:

13 (a) The director shall mail application forms for all renewals of  
14 registration under this subchapter issued prior to January 1, 2002 to the last  
15 address of the owner of the trailer as the owner's name and address appear on  
16 the records of the office.

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18 SECTION 7. Arkansas Code 27-14-1214 is amended to read as follows:  
19 27-14-1214. Renewal of registration.

20 (a) The owner of any permanent license plate issued by the director  
21 prior to January 1, 2002 may renew his registration, in person or by mail, at  
22 a county revenue office or with the director during any day from ~~forty five~~  
23 ~~(45)~~ thirty (30) days prior to the date on which his registration shall  
24 expire.

25 (b) The applicant, upon receiving notification by the director of his  
26 new permanent registration date, shall, within the time prescribed by the  
27 director, pay ~~a twelve month registration fee~~ the fee set forth in § 27-14-  
28 601.

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30 SECTION 8. Arkansas Code 27-14-1215(a) is amended to read as follows:

31 (a) In conjunction with the permanent license plate, the director ~~shall~~  
32 may issue a tab or decal ~~biennially, or when appropriate, to each qualified~~  
33 ~~applicant~~ as evidence of the ~~biennial~~ payment of license fees.

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35 SECTION 9. Arkansas Code 27-14-1216(b) is amended to read as follows:

36 (b) ~~(1)~~ The owner shall remove the license plate and any plate sticker,

1 metal tab, or decal therefrom and forward them to the office.

2 ~~(2) He may have such plate and plate sticker, metal tab, or~~  
3 ~~decal, and the registration number thereon, assigned to another trailer, upon~~  
4 ~~payment of the fees required by law and subject to the rules and regulations~~  
5 ~~of the office.~~

6 ~~(3) The owner shall pay a transfer fee of one dollar (\$1.00).~~  
7 ~~However, if the fee for registration and licensing the trailer to be~~  
8 ~~registered is greater than the registration fee paid for the trailer~~  
9 ~~originally licensed, then the office shall, in addition, collect an amount~~  
10 ~~equal to the excess payable for the trailer to be registered.~~

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12 SECTION 10. [THE ARKANSAS CODE REVISION COMMISSION IS NOT REQUIRED TO  
13 CODIFY THIS SECTION.] This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2002.

14 /s/ R. Smith

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