

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 463 of 2003  
SENATE BILL 365

5 By: Senator J. Bookout  
6 By: Representative P. Bookout  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT ONE (1) TON TRUCKS AND  
11 VANS USED FOR PERSONAL TRANSPORTATION CAN BE  
12 REGISTERED WITH PASSENGER CAR TAGS; TO PROVIDE  
13 GUIDELINES FOR DISTRIBUTION OF THE PENALTY  
14 IMPOSED FOR IMPROPERLY REGISTERING ONE (1) TON OR  
15 LARGER COMMERCIAL TRUCKS AND VANS AS PASSENGER  
16 VEHICLES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

18 TO CLARIFY THAT ONE (1) TON TRUCKS AND  
19 VANS USED FOR PERSONAL TRANSPORTATION  
20 CAN BE REGISTERED WITH PASSENGER CAR  
21 TAGS AND TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR  
22 DISTRIBUTION OF THE PENALTIES IMPOSED.  
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26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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28 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-14-601(a)(3)(A), concerning the fees for  
29 registration and licensing of the motor vehicles, is amended to read as  
30 follows:

31 (A) Class One - All trucks and vans which are rated by the  
32 manufacturer as having a nominal tonnage of one (1) ton which are used  
33 exclusively for personal transportation and are not used for commercial or  
34 business purposes, and all trucks and vans which are rated by the  
35 manufacturer as having a nominal tonnage of three-quarter (3/4) ton or less  
36 shall be assessed a license fee of twenty-one dollars (\$21.00) without regard



1 to weight. ~~The owner of a truck or van registered as a Class One truck prior~~  
 2 ~~to August 1, 1997, and which truck or van is required to be registered in a~~  
 3 ~~class other than Class One as a result of this subdivision, may operate the~~  
 4 ~~truck or van with the Class One registration for the remainder of its~~  
 5 ~~existing registration period. The Class One registration shall not be~~  
 6 ~~renewed, and upon its expiration the owner shall register the vehicle in the~~  
 7 ~~appropriate class according to gross laden weight and shall be charged a~~  
 8 ~~prorated registration fee based on the number of months remaining in the~~  
 9 ~~registration period expiring on June 30, 1998~~ All one (1) ton trucks and vans  
 10 that are used for commercial or business purposes shall be registered in the  
 11 appropriate class according to gross laden weight;

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13 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-14-601(e), concerning penalties for  
 14 violations of the motor vehicle registration and licensing laws, is amended  
 15 to read as follows:

16 (e)(1) Penalty. Any person owning a vehicle on which a fee is required  
 17 to be paid under the terms of this section who shall operate it or permit it  
 18 to be operated on a public road in this state without having paid the fee  
 19 required by this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon  
 20 conviction, shall be fined in a sum not less than double the fee provided for  
 21 and not more than three thousand dollars (\$3,000).

22 (2) If the arresting officer is an officer of the Department of  
 23 Arkansas State Police, the fine shall be deposited in the State Treasury and  
 24 credited to the Department of Arkansas State Police Fund to be used for the  
 25 purchase and maintenance of state police vehicles.

26 (3) If the arresting officer is an officer of the Arkansas  
 27 Highway Police, the fine shall be deposited in the Arkansas Highway and  
 28 Transportation Department Fund to be used for the purchase and maintenance of  
 29 highway police vehicles.

30 (4) If the arresting officer is a county law enforcement  
 31 officer, the fine shall be deposited in the county fund used for the purchase  
 32 and maintenance of rescue, emergency medical, and law enforcement vehicles,  
 33 communications equipment, animals owned or used by law enforcement agencies,  
 34 lifesaving medical apparatus, and law enforcement apparatus, to be used for  
 35 those purposes.

36 (5) If the arresting officer is a municipal law enforcement

1 officer, the fine shall be deposited in that municipality's fund used for the  
2 purchase and maintenance of rescue, emergency medical, and law enforcement  
3 vehicles, communications equipment, animals owned or used by law enforcement  
4 agencies, lifesaving medical apparatus, and law enforcement apparatus, to be  
5 used for those purposes.

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