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# A Bill

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING COMMERCIAL MOTOR  
9 VEHICLES TO CONFORM WITH FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS UNDER  
10 THE FIXING AMERICA'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ACT; AND  
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING COMMERCIAL  
16 MOTOR VEHICLES TO CONFORM WITH FEDERAL  
17 REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE FIXING AMERICA'S  
18 SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ACT.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. LEGISLATIVE INTENT.

24 It is the intent of the General Assembly to amend current Arkansas law  
25 concerning certain size and weight provisions for commercial motor vehicles  
26 in order to align with the requirements of the Fixing America's Surface  
27 Transportation Act Pub. L. No. 114-94.  
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29 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-35-102 is amended to read as follows:  
30 27-35-102. Certain vehicles exempted.

31 (a) As used in this subchapter, "emergency vehicle" means a motor  
32 vehicle designed to be used under emergency conditions to:

33 (1) Transport personnel and equipment; and

34 (2) Support the suppression of fires and mitigation of other  
35 hazardous situations.

36 (b) The provisions of this subchapter governing size, weight, and load



1 shall not apply to ~~fire apparatus~~ emergency vehicles, road machinery, or to  
 2 implements of husbandry, including farm tractors, temporarily moved upon a  
 3 highway, or to a vehicle operated under the terms of a special permit issued  
 4 as provided in this chapter.

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 6 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 27-35-208(e)(1)(A), concerning the length  
 7 of vehicles, is amended to read as follows:

8 (e)(1)(A) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this subchapter, a  
 9 combination of vehicles engaged in the transportation of automobiles or other  
 10 motor vehicles shall be permitted a load extension of ~~three feet (3')~~ four  
 11 feet (4') beyond the front and ~~four feet (4')~~ six feet (6') beyond the rear  
 12 of the combination.

13 (B) This extension shall not be considered in determining  
 14 the overall length of the combination of vehicles.

15 (C) The total length of a motor vehicle authorized under  
 16 subdivision (e)(1) of this section shall not exceed eighty feet (80').

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 18 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 27-35-208, concerning the length of motor  
 19 vehicles, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

20 (h)(1) The total length of a towaway trailer transporter combination  
 21 shall not exceed eighty-two feet (82').

22 (2) As used in this subsection:

23 (A) "Towaway trailer transporter combination" means a  
 24 combination of motor vehicles consisting of a trailer transporter towing unit  
 25 and two (2) trailers or semitrailers that:

26 (i) Have a total weight that does not exceed twenty-  
 27 six thousand pounds (26,000 lbs.); and

28 (ii) Carry no property and constitute inventory  
 29 property of a manufacturer, distributor, or dealer of such trailers or  
 30 semitrailers; and

31 (B) "Trailer transporter towing unit" means a power unit  
 32 that is not used to carry property when operating in a towaway trailer  
 33 transporter combination.