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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1797

5 By: Representative Vaught  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF THE  
9 DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE; AND FOR OTHER  
10 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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14 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF  
15 THE DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE.  
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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 § 12-8-106(a), concerning the duties and  
21 powers of the Department of Arkansas State Police, is amended to read as  
22 follows:

23 (a)(1) It shall be the duty of the Department of Arkansas State Police  
24 to:

25 (A) Patrol the public highways, make arrests, and enforce  
26 the laws of this state relating to motor vehicles and the use of the state  
27 highways;

28 (B) Establish, maintain, and enforce a towing rotation  
29 list to assist in clearing highways of motor vehicles which have been  
30 involved in accidents or abandoned;

31 (C) Assist in the collection of delinquent motor vehicle  
32 license taxes and the collection of gasoline and other taxes that are  
33 required by law; ~~and~~

34 (D) Determine when, if possible, a person or persons are  
35 the cause of injury to any state highway or other state property and arrest  
36 all persons criminally responsible for injury to any state highway or other



1 state property and bring them before the proper officer for trial; and  
2 (E) If present at the scene of a motor vehicle accident,  
3 have at least one (1) department police officer remain at the scene until a  
4 tow vehicle or wrecker has cleared the highway of the motor vehicles involved  
5 in the motor vehicle accident.

6 (2) The Director of the Department of Arkansas State Police may  
7 promulgate necessary rules and regulations to carry out the purpose and  
8 intent of subdivision (a)(1)(B) of this section.

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