## Hall of the House of Representatives

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## Subtitle of House Bill No. 1454

## Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1454.

Amend House Bill No. 1454 as originally introduced:

Add Representative Pate as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Page 1, delete lines 11 through 13, and substitute the following: "AN ACT TO REPEAL THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ESCORT VEHICLES ON OVER-LENGTH LOADS AND TO REPEAL THE LAW REQUIRING THE REGULATION AND REGISTRATION OF ESCORT VEHICLES; AND FOR"

AND

Page 1, delete lines 17 through 20, and substitute the following: "AN ACT TO REPEAL THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ESCORT VEHICLES ON OVER-LENGTH LOADS AND TO REPEAL THE LAW REQUIRING THE REGULATION AND REGISTRATION OF ESCORT VEHICLES."

AND

Page 1, delete line 34, and substitute the following: "vehicle and the other to travel in the rear of the over-length vehicle.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-35-113, concerning the regulation and registration of escort vehicles, is repealed.

27-35-113. Escort vehicles.

(a) Any vehicle operating as an escort vehicle for an oversize, overweight, hazardous, or other load that is required by law, rule, or regulation to be accompanied by one (1) or more escort vehicles shall have a current Arkansas escort vehicle registration.

(b)(1) The State Highway Commission is authorized to issue an annual Arkansas escort vehicle registration and to promulgate rules and regulations concerning the requirements and the issuance of the registration.

(2) A ten dollar (\$10.00) fee shall be paid to the commission



for the issuance of each annual registration, and the fee shall not be prorated.

(3) The registration shall be valid for a period of one (1) year after the date of issuance.

(4) The commission may require an annual decal or other identifying markers to be displayed at a designated place on a registered escort vehicle.

(5) The commission may require information deemed necessary on an application for registration.

(c) The Arkansas escort vehicle registration shall be carried at all times in the registered vehicle and shall be produced for examination at the request of a law enforcement officer.

(d) Immediately prior to the issuance of an Arkansas escort vehicle registration, each vehicle for which an application for registration has been submitted must be inspected by the Arkansas Highway Police Division of the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department to determine whether the vehicle is in compliance with the commission's requirements for an escort vehicle.

(e) Any person operating an escort vehicle shall be eighteen (18) years of age or older and shall possess a valid driver's license.

(f)(1) For every vehicle for which registration is sought, proof of liability insurance issued by a company licensed to do business in the State of Arkansas and in the amount required by the commission must be presented.

(2) Valid proof of insurance shall be carried in the escort vehicle at all times, and it shall be produced at the request of a law enforcement officer.

(g)(1) The owner and driver of a vehicle being operated in violation of any provisions of this section shall be guilty of a violation.

(2) Any operator who pleads guilty or nolo contendere to or who is found guilty for a third and any successive violation of this section within a twelve-month period shall be ineligible to operate in this state a vehicle which has a valid Arkansas escort vehicle registration.

(3) If the commission determines that any owner, principal, or employer caused or permitted an operator to violate this section, then in addition to any fines assessed, the commission may void any or all current Arkansas escort vehicle registrations issued to any of the vehicles used, owned, operated, or leased for use by that owner, principal, or employer.

(h) This section shall not repeal § 27-35-306(g).

AND

Page 1, line 36, delete "SECTION 2." and substitute "SECTION 3."

AND

Page 2, delete lines 3 through 7, and substitute the following: "loads of manufactured goods and commodities; that requiring two (2) escort vehicles for over-length loads and imposing additional registration requirements for escort vehicles increases transportation costs for Arkansas' manufacturers and shippers; that other provisions of Arkansas law authorize the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department to impose escort vehicle requirements and specify escort vehicle standards when issuing and

## administering permits for loads restricted by law; and this act is <u>immediately necessary because all</u>"

The Amendment was read \_\_\_\_\_\_ By: Representative Thomason EAN/VJF - 021820031052 VJF446

**Chief Clerk**