

Department of Finance and Administration

Legislative Impact Statement

Bill: SB358

Bill Subtitle: TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS UNIFORM COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE ACT TO UPDATE AND COMPLY WITH RECENT CHANGES TO FEDERAL LAW.

Basic Change :

Sponsor: Senator Sample

SB358 amends the Arkansas Uniform Commercial Driver's License Act, § 27-23-101, et seq, so that the definitions of Commerce and Commercial motor vehicle are identical to federal law. In addition, current law requires the holder of a commercial driver's license (CDL) to obtain a duplicate driver's license if the driver changes his or her address. Since federal law no longer requires a duplicate license to be issued with the new address, this bill will remove that requirement from Arkansas law. The bill also amends § 27-23-114(d)(2) to be consistent with federal law and other sections of Arkansas law which requires a court to forward CDL driver's convictions to the Office of Driver Services within five (5) days

Revenue Impact :

None.

Taxpayer Impact :

CDL drivers will no longer be required to pay for a new license each time they change their address. They will be treated like all other drivers and only be required to notify DFA in writing within ten days of a change of address.

Resources Required :

No additional resources are required if this bill is passed.

Time Required :

No additional time is required if this bill is passed.

Procedural Changes :

None.

Other Comments :

None.

Legal Analysis :

SB358 makes technical corrections to the Uniform Commercial Driver License Act to update and comply with recent changes to federal law. Without these changes, DFA and the State of Arkansas are subject to losing federal highway funding.