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A Bill

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SENATE BILL

By: Senator Altes

Filed with: Senate Committee on Transportation, Technology and Legislative Affairs
pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND
ADMINISTRATION TO NOTIFY VEHICLE OWNERS THAT
MOTOR VEHICLES WILL NOT BE REGISTERED OR RENEWED
UNTIL ALL OUTSTANDING WARRANTS HAVE BEEN DISPOSED
OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND
ADMINISTRATION TO NOTIFY VEHICLE OWNERS
THAT MOTOR VEHICLES WILL NOT BE
REGISTERED OR RENEWED UNTIL ALL
OUTSTANDING WARRANTS HAVE BEEN DISPOSED
OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-14-1021(a), concerning annual
notification requirements for registering motor vehicles, is amended to read
as follows:

(a) ~~From and after January 1, 1998, the~~ The Director of the Department
of Finance and Administration shall cause to be mailed to each vehicle owner
in this state the following information:

(1) Notification of the requirement that each vehicle must be

1 assessed and personal property taxes must be paid annually;

2 (2) Notification of the procedure and time period for annual
3 assessment of personal property;

4 (3) Notification of the requirement that proof of liability
5 insurance is required and must be maintained at all times in the vehicle; and

6 (4) Notification of the penalties contained in Arkansas law for:
7 (A) Failure to assess the vehicle or pay personal property
8 taxes due;

9 (B) Failure to maintain liability insurance coverage on
10 the vehicle; and

11 (C) Operation of an unsafe vehicle; and

12 (5)(A) Notification that the vehicle owner has an outstanding
13 warrant issued by a court of this state for his or her arrest and that no
14 registration will be renewed until the outstanding warrant has been disposed
15 of in accordance with the law.

16 (B) The Director of the Department of Finance and
17 Administration and the Director of the Arkansas Crime Information Center are
18 authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purpose of
19 subdivision (a)(5)(A) of this section.

20 (b) The ~~director~~ Director of the Department of Finance and
21 Administration may comply with the requirements set forth in subsection (a)
22 of this section by including the information in the annual vehicle
23 registration renewal notice sent to each vehicle owner.

24 (c) The ~~director~~ Director of the Department of Finance and
25 Administration shall also cause to displayed, in conspicuous fashion, at each
26 revenue office in this state, the information set forth in subsection (a) of
27 this section.

28 (d) The ~~director~~ Director of the Department of Finance and
29 Administration shall also, ~~not later than January 1, 1998,~~ provide such
30 notice as is set forth in subsection (a) of this section, as well as the new
31 procedures, to all new and used vehicle dealers in this state.

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33 SECTION 2. Effective Date. Section 1 of this act is effective
34 beginning January 1, 2010.

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36 Filed Date: 02/05/2010 By: MMC\CDS