

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2009-013

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1909

By: Representatives Pyle, Breedlove

Filed with: House Interim Committee on Public Transportation
pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF HIGHWAYS IN THE
STATE BY IMPLEMENTING ADDITIONAL EXIT RAMP SAFETY
REQUIREMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF HIGHWAYS IN THE
STATE BY IMPLEMENTING ADDITIONAL EXIT
RAMP SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 27, Chapter 67, Subchapter 2 is amended
to add an additional section to read as follows:

27-67-223. Additional safety requirements on exit ramps.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Exit ramp" means the lane that is used to exit a four-lane
highway or a six-lane highway that is part of the state highway system; and

(2) "Warning light system" means a warning system that:

(A) Is mounted on the top of the "DO NOT ENTER" and "WRONG
WAY" signs;

(B) Is activated by a sensor when a driver enters an exit
ramp in the wrong direction; and

(C) Warns a vehicle from proceeding through an exit ramp
in the wrong direction by flashing red lights in the direction that is



1 visible to a motorist who is entering the exit ramp in the wrong direction.

2 (b)(1) By January 1, 2015, and thereafter, the signage on all exit
3 ramps that warns motorists that they are entering a highway in the wrong
4 direction and traveling in the wrong direction shall:

5 (A) Include the written warnings "DO NOT ENTER" and "WRONG
6 WAY";

7 (B) Be placed in two (2) areas on the exit ramp; and

8 (C) Be combined to form one (1) vertical sign on the same
9 post.

10 (2) The first placement shall be positioned:

11 (A) Closest to the nearest intersection; and

12 (B) Not more than two feet (2') above the edge of the
13 pavement for maximum driver visibility.

14 (3) The second placement shall be:

15 (A) Positioned closer to the highway from which the exit
16 ramp leads;

17 (B) Positioned at the standard distance from the pavement;
18 and

19 (C) Include a warning light system.

20 (4) New construction of exit ramps that has not been bid out
21 after the effective date of this act shall include the signage described
22 under this subsection.

23 (5) The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
24 shall make it a priority to modify the exit ramp signage in areas with the
25 highest traffic volume.

26 (c)(1) The department and its designees shall implement geometric
27 design modifications to exit ramp and highway design to reduce wrong-way
28 entries for new construction.

29 (2) The geometric design modifications required under this
30 subsection shall include:

31 (A) Offset entrance and exit ramps that provide for
32 separate entrance ramp and exit ramp terminals; and

33 (B) Exit ramp width reduction to discourage wrong-way
34 entry.

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