

State of Arkansas

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HOUSE BILL 1451

By: Representatives Newman, Turner and Landers

"AN ACT TO REQUIRE MANDATORY MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY
INSURANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle within this State unless such person is covered by a certificate of self-insurance under the provisions of Section 88 of Act 347 of 1953, Arkansas Statutes 75-1488, or an insurance policy issued by an insurance company, or surety company, authorized to do business in this State, which policy shall provide as a minimum the following coverage: not less than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) for bodily injury or death of one person in any one accident, and not less than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) for bodily injury or death of two (2) or more persons in any one accident, and if the accident has resulted in injury to or destruction of property, not less than fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) for such injury to or destruction of property of others in any one accident.

SECTION 2. (a) Any person who operates a motor vehicle within this State in violation of Section 1 of this Act shall:

(1) be fined no less than two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00);

(2) have his or her motor vehicle operator's license suspended for one year;

(3) have the license plate of the motor vehicle being operated at the time of the violation suspended for one year;

(4) in addition to the fine prescribed above pay an additional fine of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) to be credited to the Constitutional and Fiscal Agencies Fund to be used exclusively by the Department of Finance and

Administration to implement this Act.

(b) The penalties prescribed in subsection (a) of this Section are mandatory penalties.

SECTION 3. No motor vehicle license plate shall be issued or renewed without satisfactory proof to the Department of Finance and Administration that the applicant meets the requirements of Section 1 of this Act.

SECTION 4. The provisions of this Act shall be supplemental to, and cumulative to, Act 347 of 1953, the Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Act.

