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By: Representative Matthews

HOUSE BILL 1649

"AN ACT TO AMEND SUBSECTION (C) (9) OF SECTION 24 OF ACT 65 OF 1929, AS AMENDED, [ARK. STAT. 75-201(C) (9)] TO PROVIDE THAT LICENSURE OF GOOSENECK TRAILERS SHALL BE BASED ON GROSS LOADED WEIGHT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (C) (9) of Section 24 of Act 65 of 1929, as amended, the same being Arkansas Statute 75-201(C) (9), is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(9) Class Nine. For the purpose of evidencing registration of trailers, semi-trailers and full trailers, there shall be issued special license plates, and annual registration fees charged and collected according to the following schedule:

(a) All bumper hitch trailers, a fee of \$6.00.

(b) All semi-trailers used in combination with Class Two (2) through Class Eight (8) trucks, a fee of \$13.00.

(c) Full trailers operated in the transportation of farm products, and other natural resources hereinbefore described as 'Class Eight', a fee of \$8.00.

(d) All gooseneck trailers and all other full trailers there shall be charged an annual license fee computed on the gross loaded weight of the vehicle at the appropriate rate provided by Classes Two (2) through Seven (7) of Subsection (C) of this Section.

For the purpose of evidencing registration of trailers classified under Item (a) hereinbefore provided, there shall be charged and collected a biennial fee based upon the annual fee set forth therein. Unless a trailer license issued under Item (a) is renewed on or before the fifteenth (15th) day following its expiration, the same shall lapse and shall no longer be of any

force or effect unless renewed in the manner prescribed by law.

For the purpose of evidencing registration of a combination of truck-tractor and semi-trailer classified by Item (b ) hereinbefore, the license fee for the gross weight of the combination shall be computed at the appropriate rate provided by Classes Two (2) through Eight (8) of Subsection (C) of this Section, and shall be applied to the registration of the truck tractor.

'Gross Loaded Weight' as used in this Section 24 of Act 65 of 1929, means the weight of the vehicle or vehicles, plus the load to be hauled.

If any truck, trailer, or semi-trailer, as provided herein, is at any time found to be operating on the highways of Arkansas with a gross loaded weight in excess of the weight permitted by the license registration thereon, the owner or his agent must then and there, before proceeding, pay an additional license fee on said truck, trailer, or semi-trailer, or combination, on the basis of one dollar and thirty cents (\$1.30) per hundred pounds, or fraction thereof, for the excess weight; provided, that for the purpose of ascertaining excess loaded weight on any truck, trailer, semi-trailer, or combination thereof, a tolerance of one thousand (1,000) pounds over and above the permitted weight, as indicated by the license registration certificate thereof, shall be allowed before the additional license fee herein required shall be charged. And, it shall be unlawful for any truck to operate on the highways of Arkansas without the license registration card being, at all times, in the possession of the operator thereof, which card shall, at all times, be subject to inspection. Provided, further, that any truck, trailer, or semi-trailer, or combination thereof, on which an additional license fee is paid because of excess weight, as herein provided, shall be permitted, for the remaining portion of the regular license year, to operate at the newly established weight limit. Provided, that in no event shall any license be issued for a greater weight than that permitted by law governing axle loads."

SECTION 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

