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A Bill

HOUSE BILL

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By: Representative Hankins

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CODE TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PERSON OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT A VALID LICENSE PLATE SHALL BE FINED NO LESS THAN \$250.00; TO AUTHORIZE THE IMPOUNDMENT OF ANY MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATED WITHOUT A VALID LICENSE PLATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 27-14-304 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"27-14-304. Operation of vehicles without license plates.

(a) No person shall operate, nor shall an owner knowingly permit to be operated, upon any highway any vehicle required to be registered under this chapter unless there shall be attached thereto and displayed thereon, when and as required by this chapter, a valid license plate issued therefor by the office for the current registration year, except as otherwise expressly permitted in this chapter.

(b) Any violation of this section is a misdemeanor. Any person who is found guilty or who pleads guilty or nolo contendere to violating this section shall be fined no less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00), which fine shall be transmitted by the court to the law enforcement agency which made the arrest. Furthermore, the arresting officer may, in his discretion, seize and impound any motor vehicle operated in violation of this section and the owner thereof shall regain possession of the motor vehicle only by furnishing the law enforcement agency responsible for the impoundment proof of current valid registration of the motor vehicle. The owner of the motor vehicle shall be liable for all costs and charges involved in the impoundment and storage of the vehicle."

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 27-14-313(a) is hereby amended to read as

follows:

"(a) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, all fines and forfeitures collected upon conviction or upon forfeiture of bail of any person charged with a violation of any of the provisions of this chapter constituting a misdemeanor shall be deposited in the treasury of the county, city, or town maintaining the court wherein the conviction or forfeiture was had in a special fund to be known as the Highway Improvement Fund."

SECTION 3. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.