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A Bill

SENATE BILL

351

By: Senator Kinard

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CODE OF 1987 ANNOTATED SECTIONS 27-14-602 (b) (6) AND 27-14-1004 TO INCREASE THE FEE REQUIRED FOR DUPLICATE OR SUBSTITUTE LICENSE PLATE AND INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO REGISTER A PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE OR CLASS ONE TRUCK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Section 27-14-602 (b) (6) of the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(b) (6) For duplicate or substitute license plate ---\$3.00."

SECTION 2. Section 27-14-1004 of the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(a) Any person failing to comply with the provisions of this subchapter by operating a passenger motor vehicle, as set forth and described in 27-14-1002 (a) (3), or by operating a Class One truck, as set forth and described in □ 27-14-1002 (a) (4), which is subject to registration under the laws of this state on any street, road, or highway in the state of Arkansas without having first registered the motor vehicle with the office, in the manner and within the period required by law or regulations of the Commissioner, shall be required to pay a penalty of five dollars (\$5.00) for each ten (10) working days, or fraction thereof, for which he fails properly to register the vehicle until the penalty reaches an amount double the annual license fee of the vehicle to be registered.

(b) No penalty shall be assessed if the owner or operator of a vehicle makes an affidavit to the effect that the vehicle has not been operated on any street, road, or highway in the state of Arkansas after the time set for registering the motor vehicle with the office.

(c) If such affidavit shall be false, the making of the affidavit shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of from two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) to five hundred dollars (\$500.00)."

SECTION 3. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. The provisions of this act are effective July 1, 1989.

SECTION 5. 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 6. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that present laws inadequately compensate the state of Arkansas for the cost of a duplicate or substitute license plate and imposes an inadequate penalty for failure to register; that in order to prevent the loss of revenue and provide for uniformity in administering registration and licensing laws of motor vehicles, this act should be given effect immediately. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist. This act, being necessary to the orderly administration of the law to prevent loss of revenue, shall be in full force and effect on July 1, 1989 and thereafter.