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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL

1555

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS HIGHWAY AND  
9 TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT TO POST ROAD SIGNS ALONG THE  
10 PUBLIC STREETS AND HIGHWAYS OF ARKANSAS TO INFORM LICENSED  
11 AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS OF THE EXISTENCE OF HIGH FREQUENCY  
12 RADIO REPEATERS IN THE LOCAL AREA; TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM  
13 FOR THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THOSE SIGNS; AND  
14 FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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## Subtitle

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

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25 SECTION 1. (a) The Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department is  
26 authorized to post signs along the public streets and highways of Arkansas to  
27 inform persons who are licensed amateur radio operators of the existence of a  
28 *high-frequency radio repeater within a specific local area, provided such*  
29 *signs do not conflict with any rules or regulations of the United States*  
30 *Department of Transportation nor the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control*  
31 *Devices.*

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(b) *The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department is authorized to develop and adopt the appropriate signs showing: "TWO-METER RADIO REPEATER AREA" or "AMATEUR RADIO FREQUENCY MONITORED" for use in the designated areas along the public streets and highways under their*

1 *jurisdiction. The signs may include the radio frequency of these local*  
2 *repeaters or the frequency being monitored by local radios.*

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4 SECTION 2. (a) The Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department *is*  
5 *authorized to contact all local amateur radio operators and any amateur radio*  
6 *clubs in Arkansas to inform them of this service. Any amateur radio operator*  
7 *or radio club which wishes to participate in this program shall notify the*  
8 *Department of their interest and shall inform the Department of the radio*  
9 *frequencies which are monitored in their immediate area and the time periods*  
10 *during which they are monitored.*

11 (b) Any local amateur radio operators or any amateur radio club  
12 wishing to participate in this program shall be responsible for the costs of  
13 preparing and purchasing these signs. The Department is authorized to enter  
14 into an agreement with the participants to recover those costs.

15 (c) The Department is authorized to prepare and furnish the signs to  
16 the local participating radio clubs or operators at cost. The Department is  
17 further authorized to erect and maintain the signs at no cost to the local  
18 radio clubs or operators.

19 (d) The Director of the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department  
20 shall have the authority to promulgate any necessary rules and regulations to  
21 implement this act and establish any conditions and guidelines for  
22 participation by any local amateur radio operators or clubs.

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24 SECTION 3. The Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department shall  
25 insure the signs correlate with and, so far as possible, conform to the  
26 system of traffic-control devices which are currently in use by the  
27 Department. The Department is authorized to erect the signs and review, at  
28 least biennially, all areas with signs within their jurisdiction to insure  
29 the area still qualifies for having the signs posted.

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31 SECTION 4. For purposes of this act, "HF" means all bands of high  
32 frequencies.

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34 SECTION 5. All provisions of this act of general and permanent nature  
35 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code

1 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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3       SECTION 6. If any provisions of this act or the application thereof to  
4 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect  
5 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
6 the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
7 act are declared to be severable.

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9       SECTION 7. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
10 hereby repealed.

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*/s/Rep. D. Wood*

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