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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1021

4 By: Representatives Fletcher and Cunningham

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND SUBCHAPTER 3 OF TITLE 27, CHAPTER 51 OF  
9 THE ARKANSAS CODE OF 1987, ANNOTATED, TO REQUIRE DRIVERS  
10 OF LARGE TRUCKS WITH TRAILERS AND SEMI-TRAILERS TO DRIVE  
11 ONLY IN THE RIGHT LANE OF CONTROLLED-ACCESS AND OTHER  
12 MULTI-LANED HIGHWAYS IN ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

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22 SECTION 1. Subchapter 3 of Title 27, Chapter 51, of the Arkansas Code  
23 of 1987, Annotated, is amended to add a new Section 27-51-309 to read as  
24 follows:

25 "27-51-309. Large trucks required to operate only in right lane -  
26 Exceptions.

27 On all controlled-access facilities and other public streets and  
28 highways with three or more lanes in Arkansas, the operators of all trucks and  
29 trucks with trailers and semitrailers with a GVW rating of 26,000 pounds or  
30 more shall operate or drive only in the far right lane, except when:

31 (1) Passing a slower moving vehicle;

32 (2) Moving to a left lane to permit a slower vehicle to enter or leave  
33 the roadway or to merge onto the roadway from an entrance ramp;

34 (3) Using an alternate lane is required for safety reasons because of  
35 special hazards existing in the roadway."

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1 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of general and permanent nature  
2 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
3 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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

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11 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
12 hereby repealed.

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*/s/Rep. Fletcher et al*

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