

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

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## A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1431

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### For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED 27-67-221 TO  
10 REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT  
11 TO POST ROAD SIGNS ALONG THE PUBLIC STREETS AND HIGHWAYS  
12 OF ARKANSAS TO INFORM LICENSED AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS OF  
13 THE EXISTENCE OF HIGH FREQUENCY RADIO REPEATERS IN THE  
14 LOCAL AREA; TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM FOR THE INSTALLATION  
15 AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SIGNS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

### Subtitle

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18 "TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS HIGHWAY  
19 DEPARTMENT TO POST ROAD SIGNS ALONG THE  
20 HIGHWAYS OF ARKANSAS INFORMING AMATEUR  
21 RADIO OPERATORS OF LOCAL HF RADIO  
22 REPEATERS."  
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated § 27-67-221 is amended to read as  
27 follows:

28 "27-67-221. ~~Authority~~ Duty of Highway Department to inform amateur radio  
29 operators of high frequency radio repeaters.

30 (a) The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department ~~is~~  
31 ~~authorized to~~ shall, upon request of a licensed amateur radio operator who is  
32 a resident of a specific local area and is willing to pay a sign fee not to  
33 exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) per sign, post signs along the public  
34 streets and highways of Arkansas to inform persons who are licensed amateur  
35 radio operators of the existence of a high frequency radio repeater within a  
36 specific local area.

1 (b)(1) The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department ~~is~~  
2 ~~authorized to~~ shall develop and adopt the appropriate signs showing TWO-METER  
3 RADIO REPEATER AREA or AMATEUR RADIO FREQUENCY MONITORED for use in the  
4 designated areas along the public streets and highways under its jurisdiction.

5 (2) The signs may include the radio frequency of these local  
6 repeaters or the frequency being monitored by local radios.

7 (3)(A) Any local amateur radio operators or any amateur radio  
8 club requesting such signs for his specific local area shall be responsible  
9 for the costs of preparing and purchasing these signs, with such costs not to  
10 exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) per sign.

11 (B)(i) The department is authorized to enter into an  
12 agreement with the participants to recover those costs.

13 (ii) The department is authorized to prepare and  
14 furnish the signs to the local participating radio clubs or operators at cost.

15 (iii) The department shall maintain the signs at no  
16 cost to the local radio clubs or operators.

17 (c)(1) The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department ~~is~~  
18 ~~authorized to~~ shall contact all local amateur radio operators and any amateur  
19 radio clubs in Arkansas to inform them of this service.

20 (2) Any amateur radio operator or radio club which wishes to  
21 participate in this program shall notify the department of its interest, its  
22 specific local area, the radio frequencies which are monitored in its  
23 immediate area, and the time periods during which they are monitored.

24 (d) The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department shall  
25 ensure the signs correlate with and, so far as possible, conform to the system  
26 of traffic-control devices which are currently in use by the department.

27 (e) The Director of the State Arkansas Highway and Transportation  
28 Department shall have the authority to promulgate any necessary rules and  
29 regulations to implement this section.

30 (f) For purposes of this section, HF means all bands of high  
31 frequencies."

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

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

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

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*/s/Rep. Lynn et al*

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