

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to law as it existed prior to the 82nd General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 82nd General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 1999

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1951

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5 By: Representative Angel
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 27-35-203 and 206
10 PERTAINING TO THE WEIGHT AND WIDTH OF VEHICLES
11 TRAVELING UPON ARKANSAS HIGHWAYS; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES. "
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Subtitle

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16 AND 206 PERTAINING TO THE WEIGHT AND
17 WIDTH OF VEHICLES TRAVELING UPON
18 ARKANSAS HIGHWAYS. "
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 27-35-203(g)(1)(A) is amended to read as
24 follows:

25 "(g)(1)(A) Vehicles, or combinations of vehicles, which vehicles or
26 combinations of vehicles have a total outside width in excess of one hundred
27 two inches (102") but not exceeding one hundred eight inches (108") used for
28 hauling compacted seed cotton from the farm to the first point at which such
29 seed cotton shall first undergo any processing, preparation for processing, or
30 transformation from its compacted state shall be permitted an eight thousand
31 pounds (8,000 lbs.) per axle variance above the maximum allowable gross axle
32 weight for single and tandem axles set forth in subsections (a) and (b) and
33 subdivision (c)(1) of this section; ~~provided, no such variance for such~~
34 ~~vehicles from the formula prescribed in subsection (e) of this section, nor~~
35 ~~from the axle weight nor overall maximum gross weight shall be allowable on~~
36 ~~federal interstate highways.~~ Provided, further, no vehicle or combination of

1 vehicles permitted the above axle variance, which vehicle or combination of
 2 vehicles has only three (3) axles, shall exceed a maximum overall gross weight
 3 of seventy thousand pounds (70,000 lbs.) and no such vehicle or combination of
 4 vehicles permitted the above axle variance, which vehicle or combination of
 5 vehicles has four (4) or more axles, shall exceed a maximum overall gross
 6 weight of eighty thousand pounds (80,000 lbs.)."

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 8 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 27-35-206 is amended to read as follows:

9 "27-35-206. Width of vehicles.

10 ~~No~~ Except as otherwise provided in this section, no vehicle operated
 11 upon the highways of this state shall have a total outside width, unladen or
 12 with load, in excess of one hundred two inches (102"), excluding certain
 13 safety devices as designated by the state, unless a greater width is
 14 authorized by special permit issued by competent authority as provided in §
 15 27-35-210. Provided, vehicles, as defined in subsection (a) of § 27-14-207,
 16 utilized to transport compacted seed cotton from the farm to the first point
 17 at which such seed cotton shall first undergo any processing, preparation for
 18 processing, or transformation from its compacted state may operate upon ~~all~~
 19 ~~highways of any road, street, or highway in this state, with the exception of~~
 20 ~~federal interstate highways,~~ with widths not exceeding one hundred eight
 21 inches (108") without such special permit; however, such vehicles must be
 22 equipped and operated in compliance with the traffic laws of this state as
 23 well as all safety rules and regulations of the United States Department of
 24 Transportation and the State Highway Commission. Additionally, such vehicles
 25 utilized to transport compacted seed cotton with widths exceeding one hundred
 26 two inches (102"), but not exceeding one hundred eight inches (108"), must be
 27 equipped and operated with both front and rear bumpers if operated
 28 individually, or, if operated in combination with other vehicles, must be
 29 equipped with a front bumper on the vehicle furnishing the motive power and
 30 with a rear bumper on the rear vehicle operated in that combination. Further,
 31 such vehicles, when operated individually, or in combination with other
 32 vehicles, on the roads, highways, or streets of this state must be equipped
 33 with a sign or placard on the front and on the rear of such vehicle when
 34 operated individually, or on the front of the vehicle furnishing the motive
 35 power and on the rear of any vehicle operated in combination with the vehicle
 36 furnishing the motive power, when operated in combination, indicating that

1 vehicle or combination of vehicles is slow-moving. Such signs or placards
2 shall be of such a size, dimension, and color that it is readily apparent to
3 the traveling public that such vehicle or combination is slow-moving and shall
4 be in accordance with rules and regulations to be made and promulgated by the
5 State Highway Commission and any person owning such a vehicle or combination
6 of vehicles found operating such a vehicle or combination on the highways,
7 roads, or streets of this state without the required bumpers or without the
8 required signs or placards shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon
9 conviction, shall be fined in a sum of not less than three hundred dollars
10 (\$300) and not more than three thousand dollars (\$3,000)."

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

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

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22 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
23 hereby repealed.

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