

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2333

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REPEAL AND AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF
10 THE ARKANSAS CODE TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO
11 STREETCARS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 SECTIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE TO REMOVE
15 REFERENCES TO STREETCARS.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 27-51-503 is amended to read as follows:

22 27-51-503. Vehicle ~~or streetcar~~ entering stop or yield intersection.

23 (a) Preferential right-of-way at an intersection may be indicated by
24 stop signs or yield signs as authorized by law.

25 (b) Except when directed to proceed by a police officer or traffic
26 control signal, every driver of a vehicle ~~and every motorman of a streetcar~~
27 approaching a stop intersection indicated by a stop sign shall stop as
28 required by § 27-51-601, and after having stopped, shall yield the right-of-
29 way to any vehicle which has entered the intersection from another highway or
30 which is approaching so closely on the highway as to constitute an immediate
31 hazard. The driver having so yielded may proceed, and the drivers of all other
32 vehicles approaching the intersection shall yield the right-of-way to the
33 vehicle so proceeding.

34 (c)(1) The driver of a vehicle ~~or the motorman of a streetcar~~
35 approaching a yield sign shall, in obedience to such sign, slow down to a
36 speed reasonable for the existing conditions, or shall stop if necessary as

1 provided in § 27-51-601, and shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian
2 legally crossing the roadway on which he is driving. The driver shall also
3 yield to any vehicle in the intersection or approaching on another highway so
4 closely as to constitute an immediate hazard. A driver having so yielded may
5 proceed, and the drivers of all other vehicles approaching the intersection
6 shall yield to the vehicle so proceeding.

7 (2) If a driver is involved in a collision with a pedestrian in a
8 crosswalk or a vehicle in the intersection after driving past a yield sign
9 without stopping, the collision shall be deemed prima facie evidence of his
10 failure to yield right-of-way.

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12 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 27-51-801 through 27-51-803 are repealed.

13 ~~27-51-801.—Passing streetcar on left.—~~

14 ~~(a) The driver of a vehicle shall not overtake and pass upon the left
15 nor drive upon the left side of any streetcar proceeding in the same
16 direction, whether the streetcar is actually in motion or temporarily at rest,
17 except:—~~

18 ~~(1) When so directed by a police officer;—~~

19 ~~(2) When upon a one-way street; or—~~

20 ~~(3) When upon a street where the tracks are so located as to
21 prevent compliance with this section.—~~

22 ~~(b) The driver of any vehicle, when permitted to overtake and pass upon
23 the left of a streetcar which has stopped for the purpose of receiving or
24 discharging any passenger, shall reduce speed and may proceed only upon
25 exercising due caution for pedestrians and shall accord pedestrians the right-
26 of way when required by other sections of this chapter.—~~

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28 ~~27-51-802.—Passing streetcar on right.—~~

29 ~~The driver of a vehicle overtaking upon the right any streetcar stopped
30 or about to stop for the purpose of receiving or discharging any passenger
31 shall stop the vehicle at least five feet (5') to the rear of the nearest
32 running board or door of the streetcar and thereupon remain standing until all
33 passengers have boarded the car or, upon alighting, have reached a place of
34 safety. However, where a safety zone has been established, a vehicle need not
35 be brought to a stop before passing any streetcar but may proceed past such
36 car at a speed not greater than is reasonable and proper and with due caution~~

1 ~~for the safety of pedestrians.~~

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3 ~~27-51-803. Driving on streetcar tracks.~~

4 ~~(a) The driver of any vehicle proceeding upon any streetcar track in~~
5 ~~front of a streetcar upon a street shall remove the vehicle from the track as~~
6 ~~soon as practical after signal from the operator of the streetcar.~~

7 ~~(b) When a streetcar has started to cross an intersection, no driver of~~
8 ~~a vehicle shall drive upon or cross the car tracks within the intersection in~~
9 ~~front of the streetcar.~~

10 ~~(c) The driver of a vehicle upon overtaking and passing a streetcar~~
11 ~~shall not turn in front of the streetcar so as to interfere with or impede its~~
12 ~~movement.~~

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14 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code 27-51-903 is amended to read as follows:

15 27-51-903. Crossing unprotected fire hose prohibited.

16 No ~~streetcar~~ or vehicle shall be driven over any unprotected hose of a
17 fire department when laid down on any street, private driveway, or streetcar
18 track, to be used at any fire or alarm of fire, without the consent of the
19 fire department official in command.

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21 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code 27-51-1401 is amended to read as follows:

22 27-51-1401. Obstruction to driver's view or driving mechanism
23 prohibited.

24 (a) No person shall drive a vehicle when it is so loaded, or when there
25 are in the front seat a number of persons, exceeding three (3), as to obstruct
26 the view of the driver to the front or sides of the vehicle so as to interfere
27 with the driver's control over the driving mechanism of the vehicle.

28 (b) No passenger in a vehicle ~~or streetcar~~ shall ride in such position
29 as to interfere with the driver's ~~or motorman's~~ view ahead or to the sides or
30 to interfere with his control over the driving mechanism of the vehicle ~~or~~
31 ~~streetcar.~~

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