

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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HOUSE BILL 2428

By: Representative Rodgers

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT PERTAINING TO ESCORTS FOR OVER-LENGTH
VEHICLES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

PERTAINING TO ESCORTS FOR OVER-LENGTH
VEHICLES

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 27-35-208 is amended by adding an additional subsection to read as follows:

(h)(1) When any vehicle or a combination of vehicles has a length in excess of ninety feet (90'), but no more than one hundred and ten feet (110'), the vehicle must be escorted by at least one (1) escort vehicle traveling behind the over-length vehicle.

(2) When a vehicle or combination of vehicles has a length in excess of one hundred and ten feet (110'), the vehicle must be accompanied by at least two (2) escort vehicles, one (1) to travel in front of the over-length vehicle and the other to travel in the rear of the over-length vehicle.

SECTION 2. (a) Any vehicle operating as an escort vehicle for an oversize, overweight, hazardous, or other load that is required by law, rule, or regulation to be accompanied by one or more escort vehicles, shall have a current Arkansas Escort Vehicle Registration.

(b) The Arkansas State Highway Commission is authorized to issue an annual Arkansas Escort Vehicle Registration and to promulgate rules and

1 regulations concerning the requirements and the issuance of such
2 registration.

3 (1) A ten dollar (\$10.00) fee shall be paid to the Arkansas
4 State Highway Commission for the issuance of each annual registration, and
5 the fee shall not be prorated.

6 (2) The registration shall be valid for a period of one (1) year
7 after the date of issuance.

8 (3) The Arkansas State Highway Commission may require an annual
9 decal or other identifying markers to be displayed at a designated place on a
10 registered escort vehicle.

11 (4) The Arkansas State Highway Commission may require
12 information deemed necessary on an application for registration.

13 (c) The Arkansas Escort Vehicle Registration shall be carried at all
14 times in the registered vehicle and shall be produced for examination at the
15 request of a law enforcement officer.

16 (d) Immediately prior to the issuance of an Arkansas Escort Vehicle
17 Registration, each vehicle for which an application for registration has been
18 submitted must be inspected by the Arkansas Highway Police to determine if
19 the vehicle is in compliance with the Arkansas State Highway Commission's
20 requirements for an escort vehicle.

21 (e) Any person operating an escort vehicle shall be eight (18) years
22 of age or older and shall possess a valid driver's license.

23 (f)(1)(A) For every vehicle for which registration is sought, proof of
24 liability insurance issued by a company licensed to do business in the State
25 of Arkansas, and in the amount required by the Arkansas State Highway
26 Commission, must be presented.

27 (B) Valid proof of insurance shall be carried in the
28 escort vehicle at all times, and it shall be produced at the request of a law
29 enforcement officer.

30 (g) The owner and driver of a vehicle being operated in violation of
31 any provisions of this section shall be guilty of a violation.

32 (1) Any operator who pleads guilty or nolo contendere to, or who
33 is found guilty for a third and any successive violation of this section
34 within a twelve (12) month period, shall be ineligible to operate in this
35 state a vehicle which has a valid Arkansas Escort Vehicle Registration.

36 (2) If the Arkansas State Highway Commission determines that any

1 owner, principal or employer caused or permitted an operator to violate this
2 section, in addition to any fines assessed, the commission may void any or
3 all current Arkansas Escort Vehicle Registrations issued to any of the
4 vehicles used, owned, operated or leased for use by that owner, principal or
5 employer.

6 (h) This section shall not repeal Arkansas Code 27-35-306(g).

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