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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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REPLACE THE REQUIREMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT CERTIFICATION OF TRAILER DEALERS WITH

A SELF-CERTIFICATON FORM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

AN ACT TO REPLACE THE REQUIREMENT OF LAW
ENFORCEMENT CERTIFICATION OF TRAILER
DEALERS WITH A SELF-CERTIFICATON FORM.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-14-601(a)(6), concerning the registration and licensing of the motor vehicles of car dealers, is amended to read as follows:
(6) Dealers.
(A) A "dealer", for the purposes of this subdivision (a)(6), is a person, firm, or corporation engaged in the business of buying and selling vehicles subject to registration in this state.
(B) (i) As a condition precedent to obtaining dealer's license plates, the dealer shall furnish the director a certification by the sheriff of the county in which the applicant's business is located, or, if located within a city of the first class, a certification by an officer of the metropolitan police department that the applicant is a vehicle dealer and has a bona fide, established place of business used exclusively for the sale of vehicles, an office used exclusively for such business, a telephone listed in the name of the business, and a sign identifying the establishment as a
vehicle dealership. Certification shall be required for all renewals of dealer license plates. This dealer certification shall not apply to dealers licensed by the Department of Arkansas State Police or the Arkansas Motor Vehicle Commission or the Arkansas Manufactured Home Commission and who are regulated by those authorities. The dealer certification shall consist of completion of a self-certification form prepared by the Office of Motor Vehicle.
(ii) Upon furnishing such certification to the director, or a copy of the dealer's license from either the Department of Arkansas State Police or the Arkansas Motor Vehicle Commission, and the payment of a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100), the dealer shall be issued a master license plate and upon the payment of a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) shall be issued a dealer's extra license plate. There is no limit to the number of dealer's extra license plates which may be purchased by a dealer. However, the dealer must secure a master license plate for each separate place of business.
(iii)(a) Upon furnishing certification to the director or a copy of the dealer's license from the Arkansas Manufactured Home Commission and upon the payment of fifty dollars (\$50.00), the manufactured home dealer shall be issued certification from the director for the purpose of assigning manufactured home titles.
(b) Each location shall be treated as a separate entity, and certification by the department shall be required for each location.
(C) When a dealer's master license plate or extra license plate is attached to any dealer-owned motor vehicle, the motor vehicle may be driven or operated upon the public highways for any purpose consistent with the operation of the dealership, by the licensed dealer or any other person authorized by the licensed dealer.
(D) Any dealer who pleads guilty or nolo contendere to, or who is found guilty of, the misuse of a dealer license plate or of allowing anyone else to misuse a dealer license plate shall be fined not more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for the first offense, not more than five hundred dollars (\$500) for the second offense, and not more than one thousand dollars (\$1000) for the third and subsequent offenses.

