

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.

1 State of Arkansas  
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As Engrossed: S3/24/05

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2600

5 By: Representative Adams  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER  
10 MAY USE A TRAFFIC CITATION FORM THAT IS  
11 SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT TO THE FORM PRESCRIBED  
12 BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE; AND  
13 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

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16 OFFICER MAY USE A TRAFFIC CITATION FORM  
17 THAT IS SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT TO THE  
18 FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF  
19 ARKANSAS STATE POLICE.  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-50-501 is amended to read as follows:  
26 27-50-501. Uniform form to be used.

27 Every law enforcement officer in this state who is authorized to issue  
28 citations for traffic law violations shall use a uniform traffic citation  
29 form prescribed by the Department of Arkansas State Police or a substantially  
30 equivalent form.  
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32 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-50-502 is amended to read as follows:  
33 27-50-502. Promulgation of form.

34 (a)(1) The Department of Arkansas State Police is authorized and  
35 directed to promulgate a uniform traffic citation form.

36 (2) The form so promulgated or a substantially equivalent form



1 shall be used exclusively by all law enforcement officers and agencies in  
2 this state in issuing citations for traffic law violations.

3 (b) Subsection (a) of this section shall not prohibit municipalities  
4 from promulgating uniform citation forms for use in enforcement of violations  
5 of its municipal code ordinances for offenses other than moving traffic law  
6 violations.

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8 SECTION 3. The provisions of this act shall apply to all previously  
9 issued citations for traffic law violations.

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11 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
12 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that there is confusion concerning  
13 the substance of the uniform traffic citation form; that the confusion has  
14 led to the dismissal of charges for traffic law violations; and that this act  
15 is immediately necessary to clarify that the uniform citation form may be  
16 altered to a substantially equivalent form for the use of law enforcement  
17 agencies. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being  
18 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and  
19 safety shall become effective on:

20 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

21 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,  
22 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the  
23 bill; or

24 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is  
25 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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27 /s/ Adams  
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