

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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3 Regular Session, 2007

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 8

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5 By: Senator Hendren  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE LOADS CARRYING GRAVEL OR ROCKS  
10 TO BE COVERED; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

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13 TO REQUIRE LOADS CARRYING GRAVEL OR  
14 ROCKS TO BE COVERED.  
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-35-110 is amended to read as follows:

20 27-35-110. Spilling loads on highways prohibited - Covers required for  
21 loads of ~~sand, gravel, and rock~~ —Exceptions.

22 (a) For the purposes of this section:

23 (1) "Cover" means a cloth, rubber, plastic, polymer, or metal  
24 device designed or used to cover a load of gravel or rock hauled by a  
25 vehicle;

26 (2) "Load" means gravel or rock that is:

27 (A) Hauled in a vehicle that is not enclosed on all sides  
28 of the vehicle; or

29 (B) Hauled by a vehicle in a trailer or towing device that  
30 has any unenclosed areas; and

31 (3) "Vehicle" means every device in, upon, or by which any  
32 person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a public highway,  
33 excepting devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary  
34 rails or tracks.

35 (b) No vehicle shall be driven or moved on any highway unless the  
36 vehicle is so constructed, covered, or loaded as to prevent any of its load



1 of gravel or rocks from dropping, sifting, leaking, or otherwise escaping  
2 therefrom.

3 ~~(b)(c)~~ Sand may be Nothing in this section shall prohibit sand from  
4 being dropped for the purpose of securing traction, or water or other  
5 substance may be sprinkled on a roadway in cleaning or maintaining the  
6 roadway.

7 ~~(e)(d)~~ For a motor vehicle or a trailer with an open bed ~~manufactured~~  
8 ~~after September 30, 2001~~, no ~~sand~~, gravel, or rock shall be transported on  
9 the paved public streets and highways of this state in a motor vehicle or  
10 trailer with an open bed unless the open bed is ~~securely covered with a~~  
11 ~~material~~ secured with a cover which will prevent the load from dropping,  
12 sifting, leaking, or otherwise escaping therefrom. The cover shall be  
13 securely fastened to prevent the ~~covering~~ cover from becoming loose,  
14 detached, or in any manner a hazard to other users of the highway.

15 ~~(d)~~ ~~For a motor vehicle or a trailer with an open bed manufactured on~~  
16 ~~or before September 30, 2001~~, a vehicle with an open bed transporting sand,  
17 gravel, or rock is required to be covered as prescribed in subsection (c) of  
18 this section unless six (6) inches of freeboard is maintained at the  
19 perimeter of the load within the open bed of the vehicle or trailer carrying  
20 the load. Measurements are to be taken at the perimeter of the vehicle's or  
21 trailer's bed and measured from the top edge of the bed down to the sand,  
22 gravel, or rock being transported.

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