

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 2045

5 By: Representative Davenport
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING THE WEIGHT AND LENGTH OF
10 EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND THE VEHICLES THAT ARE
11 TOWED BY EMERGENCY VEHICLES; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 CONCERNING THE WEIGHT AND LENGTH OF
16 EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND THE MOTOR
17 VEHICLES THAT ARE TOWED BY EMERGENCY
18 VEHICLES.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-35-203, regarding single and tandem axle
24 load limits, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

25 (j)(1) As used in this subsection, "emergency vehicle" means a wrecker
26 or tow truck that:

27 (A) Holds a valid permit issued by the Arkansas Towing and
28 Recovery Board under § 27-50-1203;

29 (B) Is equipped, designed, and used to assist or render
30 aid and transport or tow disabled or wrecked vehicles from a highway, road,
31 street, or highway right-of-way to a point of storage or repair.

32 (2) Subject to the limit upon the weight imposed upon the
33 highway through any one (1) axle as set forth in subsections (a)-(c) of this
34 section, the gross weight of an emergency vehicle shall be determined as
35 provided under § 27-35-107(c)(2).

36 (3) Subject to the limit upon the weight imposed upon the



1 highway through any one (1) axle as set forth in subsections (a)-(c) of this
2 section, the gross weight of an emergency vehicle shall not be considered a
3 combination of vehicles.

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5 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-35-208(d)(1), regarding exceptions to
6 the limit on the length of vehicles, is amended to read as follows:

7 (d)(1) These length limitations ~~shall~~ do not apply to:

8 (A) Vehicles operated in the daytime when transporting
9 poles, pipes, machinery, or other objects of a structural nature ~~which~~ that
10 cannot readily be dismembered; ~~or~~

11 (B) Vehicles transporting objects operated at ~~nighttime~~
12 night by a public utility or its agents or by electric or telephone
13 cooperatives or their agents when required for emergency repair of public
14 facilities or properties or when operated under special permit as provided by
15 law; or

16 (C) Wreckers or tow trucks that hold a valid permit issued
17 by the Arkansas Towing and Recovery Board under § 27-50-1203 if the vehicle
18 is equipped, designed, and used to assist or render aid and transport or tow
19 disabled or wrecked vehicles from a highway, road, street, or highway right-
20 of-way to a point of storage or repair.

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22 /s/ Davenport
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