

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
2 87th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2009

A Bill

SENATE BILL 765

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5 By: Senator T. Smith
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT ALLOWED ON
10 THE FRONT OR STEERING AXLE OF A VEHICLE; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT ALLOWED
15 ON THE FRONT OR STEERING AXLE OF A
16 VEHICLE.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-35-203(c)(2), regarding the maximum
22 weight on the front or steering axle, is amended to read as follows:

23 (2) The combined maximum weight imposed on the highway by a
24 front or steering axle and any adjacent axle whose centers may be included
25 between parallel transverse vertical planes spaced more than forty inches
26 (40") and not more than ninety-six inches (96") apart shall not exceed ~~twenty~~
27 ~~thousand pounds (20,000 lbs.)~~ twenty-four thousand pounds (24,000 lbs.).
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29 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
30 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the front or steering axle
31 weight limit is too low; that raising the front or steering axle weight limit
32 will enable truck owners and operators to haul loads more efficiently and
33 obtain business that would not otherwise be obtainable; and that this act is
34 immediately necessary to stimulate the economy and prevent the loss of jobs
35 and hauling contracts. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this
36 act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace,



1 health, and safety shall become effective on:

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

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

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

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