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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2066

5 By: Representative Patterson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PERMITS FOR
9 EARTHMOVING EQUIPMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

11 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PERMITS FOR
12 EARTHMOVING EQUIPMENT.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. The purpose of this act is to amend the law
20 concerning permits for earthmoving equipment; and for other purposes.
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22 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-35-210(a)(2)(C), concerning permits for
23 special cargoes, is amended to read as follows:

24 (C) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision
25 (a)(2)(A) of this section, permits may be issued for the movement of
26 earthmoving equipment that is a tractor with dirt pan in tow used primarily
27 for farming operations to travel upon the state highways in excess of a
28 fifty-mile radius of the point of origin or for the movement of earthmoving
29 equipment that is a tractor with dirt pan in tow used primarily for
30 commercial earthmoving operations for travel upon state highways of any
31 distance subject to the following requirements:

32 (i) The permit shall be issued only to owners of the
33 vehicles who are primarily engaged in farming or commercial earthmoving
34 operations;

35 (ii) The permit issued shall be limited to daylight
36 operation for a specified seventy-two-hour period and shall specify the route



1 of travel;

2 (iii) No part of the movement may be upon any
3 interstate highway or fully controlled access facility;

4 (iv) Proof of liability insurance for the tow
5 vehicle shall be submitted to the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation
6 Department;

7 ~~(v) Vehicles shall be accompanied by a front escort~~
8 ~~vehicle with flashing amber lights, radio contact with the vehicle operator,~~
9 ~~and "wide load" signs;~~

10 ~~(vi)(a) Vehicles may be moved in convoys of no more~~
11 ~~than three (3) vehicles with escorts at the front and rear of the convoy~~

12 ~~(b) Convoys shall pull off the highway at~~
13 ~~sufficient intervals to allow traffic to pass;~~

14 (v)(a) Vehicles shall be accompanied by escorts at
15 the front and rear of the convoy.

16 (b) The escorts shall have:

17 (1) Flashing amber lights;

18 (2) Radio contact with the vehicle
19 operator; and

20 (3) "Wide load" signs.

21 (c) There is no limit on the number of
22 vehicles that are in a convoy being led by escorts.

23 (d) Convoys shall pull off the highway at
24 sufficient intervals to allow traffic to pass;

25 ~~(vii)(vi)~~ A permit may be issued for no more than
26 two (2) dirt pans to be towed by one (1) tractor; and

27 ~~(viii)(vii)~~ Permit fees shall be set by the
28 commission.

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