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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1838

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT A DRIVER OF A VEHICLE YIELD  
9 THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO A PUBLIC TRANSIT BUS; AND OTHER  
10 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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14 TO REQUIRE THAT A DRIVER OF A VEHICLE  
15 YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO A PUBLIC  
16 TRANSIT BUS.  
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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 § 27-49-114, concerning the definitions used  
22 under the subtitle regarding the applicability and construction of motor  
23 vehicle traffic, is amended to add additional subdivisions read as follows:

24 (34) "Public transit bus" means a bus operated by a public transit  
25 operator; and

26 (35) "Public transit operator" means a state or local governmental  
27 entity which provides public transit services within the state.  
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29 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 27, Chapter 49, Subchapter 1, is  
30 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

31 27-49-115. Public transit bus – Right-of-way.

32 (a) A driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to a public  
33 transit bus traveling in the same direction when the driver of the public  
34 transit bus signals that the public transit bus is reentering the traffic  
35 flow after stopping at a designated public transit bus stop or after stopping  
36 to allow passengers to board or exit the public transit bus.



1           (b) This section does not relieve the driver of a public transit bus  
2 from his or her duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons  
3 using the roadway.

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