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A Bill

SENATE BILL 511

5 By: Senator K. Hammer
6 By: Representative Hawk
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PARTICIPATING IN A
10 DRAG RACE ON A PUBLIC HIGHWAY; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PARTICIPATING
15 IN A DRAG RACE ON A PUBLIC HIGHWAY.
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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 § 27-50-309, concerning racing or observing a
22 drag race on a public highway, is amended to add an additional subsection to
23 read as follows:

24 (e)(1) A motor vehicle operated in a race or drag race on a public
25 highway may be impounded at a law enforcement officer's discretion at the
26 time he or she issues the operator of the motor vehicle a citation for a
27 subsequent offense of subdivisions (b)(1)(A) or (c)(1) of this section
28 committed within five (5) years of a prior offense.

29 (2) A motor vehicle impounded under subdivision (e)(1) of this
30 section is impounded at the registered owner's expense.

31 (3) If a motor vehicle is impounded under this section:

32 (A) The law enforcement agency shall use its towing policy
33 as required for the towing and storage of motor vehicles under § 27-50-1207
34 and a towing rotation list if applicable;

35 (B) The provisions of § 27-50-1201 et seq. regarding the
36 towing and storage of motor vehicles shall apply;



1 (C) An inventory of the contents of the motor vehicle
2 shall be taken; and

3 (D) The owner, operator, or other person in charge of the
4 vehicle:

5 (i) May contest the impoundment; and

6 (ii) Shall be given notice at the time of
7 impoundment of the right to contest the impoundment consistent with § 27-50-
8 1207.

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