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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1175

By: Representative Catlett  
By: Senator G. Stubblefield

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROMOTE INTERSTATE RELATIONS BETWEEN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OF DIFFERENT LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES; TO ALLOW A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO TRAVEL OUT OF STATE IN HIS OR HER EMERGENCY VEHICLE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO PROMOTE INTERSTATE RELATIONS BETWEEN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OF DIFFERENT LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES; AND TO ALLOW A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO TRAVEL OUT OF STATE IN HIS OR HER EMERGENCY VEHICLE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 22-8-203, concerning definitions, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(7)(A) "Law enforcement agency" means a police force or organization whose primary responsibility as established by statute or ordinance is the enforcement of the criminal, traffic, or highway laws of this state.

(B) "Law enforcement agency" does not include the Arkansas Highway Police Division of the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department;

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 22, Chapter 8, Subchapter 2, is amended



to add an additional section to read as follows:

22-8-211. Emergency vehicles – Limited use for out-of-state travel.

(a) If requested by a law enforcement officer, a law enforcement agency may allow a law enforcement officer employed by the law enforcement agency to use an emergency vehicle owned by the law enforcement agency to travel outside the State of Arkansas for the funeral of a:

- (1) Law enforcement officer;
- (2) Victim of a crime; or
- (3) Witness to a crime.

(b)(1) If a law enforcement agency approves a law enforcement officer's request under this section to travel to a funeral and the law enforcement agency will pay for the travel with state funds, the law enforcement agency shall consider the cost to the law enforcement agency for travel by:

- (A) Emergency vehicle; and
- (B) Commercial airplane.

(2) If the law enforcement agency approves the law enforcement officer's request to travel to the funeral, the law enforcement agency shall approve the least costly means of transportation under subdivision (b)(1) of this section.

/s/Catlett

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