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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH TRAFFIC STOP SAFETY GUIDELINES;
TO PROMOTE TRAFFIC STOP SAFETY; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ESTABLISH TRAFFIC STOP SAFETY
GUIDELINES; AND TO PROMOTE TRAFFIC STOP
SAFETY.

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

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings.

The General Assembly finds that:

(1) Every traffic stop, even for the most common traffic violation, may potentially be dangerous for the driver, passenger, or law enforcement officer;

(2) While law enforcement officers are thoroughly trained in traffic stop safety, drivers and passengers are often not; and

(3) It is necessary to establish standard traffic stop safety guidelines for drivers and passengers to help ensure the safety of drivers and passengers.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-16-706, concerning the content of the driver's license written test, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:



(5) Traffic stop safety guidelines for drivers and passengers developed by the Department of Arkansas State Police.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Title 27, Chapter 18, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

27-18-111. Instruction on traffic stop safety.

(a) The driver's instruction manual issued by the Department of Arkansas State Police and the examination for a driver's license shall include information related to traffic stop safety guidelines for drivers and passengers developed by the department.

(b) The department may determine the most effective means to disseminate information regarding traffic stop safety guidelines, including without limitation posting information on the website of the department.

SECTION 4. DO NOT CODIFY. The traffic stop safety guidelines for drivers and passengers developed by the Department of Arkansas State Police are not required to be included in the driver's instruction manual and driver's license written test until the next time the department revises the driver's instruction manual and driver's license written test.

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