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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF THE STATE HIGHWAY
SYSTEM AND LOCAL ROADS BY REQUIRING THE INSPECTION OF
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT REPORTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF THE STATE
HIGHWAY SYSTEM AND LOCAL ROADS BY
REQUIRING THE INSPECTION OF TRAFFIC
ACCIDENT REPORTS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-53-207(b), concerning the tabulation and analysis of traffic accident reports, is amended to read as follows:

(b) After ~~its~~ collecting the data required by subsection (a) of this section, annual report on the number and circumstances of traffic accidents, the ~~department~~ Department of Arkansas State Police shall further report to the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department ~~the location of the~~ data collected and maintained by the Department of Arkansas State Police relating to all accidents occurring within the preceding twelve-month period on the state highway system and local roads ~~which resulted in a human fatality and where two (2) or more accidents involving a personal bodily injury occurred at the same location.~~

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-53-211 is amended to read as follows:

27-53-211. Inspection of accident ~~scenes~~ reports for safety improvements.



(a)(1) It ~~shall be~~ is the duty of the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department to inspect all the data collected and maintained relating to an accident locations on the state highway system in Arkansas, as reported to the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department by the Department of Arkansas State Police ~~pursuant to~~ under § 27-53-207(b), ~~where accidents which resulted in a human fatality occurred within the preceding twelve month period and where two (2) or more accidents involving a personal bodily injury occurred at the same location.~~

(2) The inspections shall determine, within the judgment of Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department personnel, whether safety improvements, increased visibility, warning signs, traffic control devices, or any other safety improvements are ~~warranted~~ necessary which could reduce or prevent the future occurrence of ~~any~~ similar accidents at the same locations.

(b) The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department shall develop a schedule for and implement those safety improvements ~~deemed warranted~~ considered necessary by ~~that department~~ the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department under subdivision (a)(2) of this section.

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