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# A Bill

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES TO CONFORM WITH FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE FIXING AMERICA'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES TO CONFORM WITH FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE FIXING AMERICA'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ACT.

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

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. LEGISLATIVE INTENT.

It is the intent of the General Assembly to amend current Arkansas law concerning certain size and weight provisions for commercial motor vehicles in order to align with the requirements of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act Pub. L. No. 114-94.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-35-102 is amended to read as follows:  
27-35-102. Certain vehicles exempted.

(a) As used in this subchapter, "emergency vehicle" means a motor vehicle designed to be used under emergency conditions to:

(1) Transport personnel and equipment; and

(2) Support the suppression of fires and mitigation of other hazardous situations.

(b) The provisions of this subchapter governing size, weight, and load



shall not apply to ~~fire apparatus~~ emergency vehicles, road machinery, or to implements of husbandry, including farm tractors, temporarily moved upon a highway, or to a vehicle operated under the terms of a special permit issued as provided in this chapter.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 27-35-208(e)(1)(A), concerning the length of vehicles, is amended to read as follows:

(e)(1)(A) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this subchapter, a combination of vehicles engaged in the transportation of automobiles or other motor vehicles shall be permitted a load extension of ~~three feet (3')~~ four feet (4') beyond the front and ~~four feet (4')~~ six feet (6') beyond the rear of the combination.

(B) This extension shall not be considered in determining the overall length of the combination of vehicles.

(C) The total length of a motor vehicle authorized under subdivision (e)(1) of this section shall not exceed eighty feet (80').

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 27-35-208, concerning the length of motor vehicles, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(h)(1) The total length of a towaway trailer transporter combination shall not exceed eighty-two feet (82').

(2) As used in this subsection:

(A) "Towaway trailer transporter combination" means a combination of motor vehicles consisting of a trailer transporter towing unit and two (2) trailers or semitrailers that:

(i) Have a total weight that does not exceed twenty-six thousand pounds (26,000 lbs.); and

(ii) Carry no property and constitute inventory property of a manufacturer, distributor, or dealer of such trailers or semitrailers; and

(B) "Trailer transporter towing unit" means a power unit that is not used to carry property when operating in a towaway trailer transporter combination.

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