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SENATE BILL 494

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW TO REQUIRE THAT THE DIRECTOR
OF STATE HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION PERFORM
ADDITIONAL DUTIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW TO REQUIRE THAT THE
DIRECTOR OF STATE HIGHWAYS AND
TRANSPORTATION PERFORM ADDITIONAL DUTIES.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-65-147, concerning reports by the Director of State Highways and Transportation to the General Assembly, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(c)(1) The Director of State Highways and Transportation shall request that the Congress of the United States amend 23 U.S.C. § 127 concerning the vehicle weight limitations on the Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways to include the following language:

"(x) Certain Logging Vehicles in the State of Arkansas.

(1) In General. The United States Secretary of Transportation shall waive, with respect to a covered logging vehicle, the application of any vehicle weight limit established under this section.

(2) Covered logging vehicle defined. In this subsection, the term "covered logging vehicle" means a vehicle that—

(A) is transporting unprocessed forest products;



(B) has a gross vehicle weight of not more than 85,000 pounds;

(C) has not less than 5 axles;

(D) is operating on a segment of the Interstate Highway System in the State of Arkansas that is no more than 20 miles long; and

(E) has received a permit to operate on the segment of the Interstate Highway System in the State of Arkansas from the Arkansas Highway Police Division of the Arkansas Department of Transportation."

(2)(A) This act shall expire on the date the Congress of the United States amends 23 U.S.C. § 127 to include the language requested under subdivision (c)(1) of this section.

(B) The Director of State Highways and Transportation shall notify the Bureau of Legislative Research and the Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research of the occurrence of Congressional action that would cause the expiration of this act.

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