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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 511

By: Senator K. Hammer  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PARTICIPATING IN A  
DRAG RACE ON A PUBLIC HIGHWAY; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PARTICIPATING  
IN A DRAG RACE ON A PUBLIC HIGHWAY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-50-309, concerning racing or observing a drag race on a public highway, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(e)(1) A motor vehicle operated in a race or drag race on a public highway may be impounded at a law enforcement officer's discretion at the time he or she issues the operator of the motor vehicle a citation for a subsequent offense of subdivisions (b)(1)(A) or (c)(1) of this section committed within five (5) years of a prior offense.

(2) A motor vehicle impounded under subdivision (e)(1) of this section is impounded at the registered owner's expense.

(3) If a motor vehicle is impounded under this section:

(A) The law enforcement agency shall use its towing policy as required for the towing and storage of motor vehicles under § 27-50-1207 and a towing rotation list if applicable;

(B) The provisions of § 27-50-1201 et seq. regarding the towing and storage of motor vehicles shall apply;



(C) An inventory of the contents of the motor vehicle shall be taken; and

(D) The owner, operator, or other person in charge of the vehicle:

(i) May contest the impoundment; and

(ii) Shall be given notice at the time of impoundment of the right to contest the impoundment consistent with § 27-50-1207.

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