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A Bill

SENATE BILL 504

By: Senator J. Petty
By: Representative Pearce

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT PEDESTRIANS ON A CONTROLLED ACCESS
HIGHWAY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO PROHIBIT PEDESTRIANS ON A CONTROLLED
ACCESS HIGHWAY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 27, Chapter 51, Subchapter 12, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

27-51-1206. Pedestrians prohibited on controlled-access highway.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Construction personnel" means an employee of the Arkansas Department of Transportation or a contractor of the State Highway Commission;

(2) "Controlled-access highway" means a state highway or street that:

(A) Is designed for an unhindered flow of traffic without intersections, traffic signals, or property access; and

(B) Regulates the ingress and egress of a motor vehicle;

(3) "Highway work zone" means an area upon or adjacent to a highway or street of this state where construction, reconstruction, maintenance, or any other type of work is being performed by construction personnel; and

(4)(A) "Pedestrian" means a person afoot.

(B) "Pedestrian" does not include a person who is the



driver or passenger of a motor vehicle traveling on a controlled-access highway.

(b) A pedestrian shall not be within the property boundaries of a controlled-access highway unless he or she is:

(1) Directed by a police officer; or

(2) Construction personnel in a highway work zone.

(c) A person who violates this section, upon conviction shall pay a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100).

(d) It is a defense to prosecution of this section that the pedestrian was first within a motor vehicle upon the controlled-access highway and exited the motor vehicle due to a mechanical breakdown, a motor vehicle accident, or other emergency.

/s/J. Petty

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