

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1991**
4 **By: Senator Russ**

A Bill

SENATE BILL

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE DRIVER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE FROM
9 OPERATING THE VEHICLE'S RADIO OR SOUND SYSTEM SO IT IS
10 AUDIBLE FROM FIFTY (50) OR MORE FEET AWAY WHEN OPERATING
11 ON THE PUBLIC STREETS OR HIGHWAYS; TO PROVIDE FOR
12 EXCEPTIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

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16 SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any driver of a motor vehicle to
17 operate, or permit the operation, of any radio, audio tape player, or other
18 sound amplification system of the vehicle so it can be heard outside the
19 vehicle from fifty (50) feet or more when the motor vehicle is being operated
20 on the public streets and highways of this State. Any person violating the
21 provisions of this act shall be guilty of a Class C misdemeanor.

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23 SECTION 2. The prohibitions of this act shall not apply to:

24 (1) situations where the sound system is being used to request
25 assistance or to warn of a hazardous condition;

26 (2) emergency vehicles or vehicles operated by gas, electric,
27 communication, or water utilities; or

28 (3) vehicles with sound systems used for advertising, or used in
29 parades, political rallies, or other special events.

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31 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of general and permanent nature
32 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
33 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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35 SECTION 4. If any provisions of this act or the application thereof to

1 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect
2 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
3 the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this
4 act are declared to be severable.

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6 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
7 hereby repealed.

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