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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1838

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT A DRIVER OF A VEHICLE YIELD
THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO A PUBLIC TRANSIT BUS; AND OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REQUIRE THAT A DRIVER OF A VEHICLE
YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO A PUBLIC
TRANSIT BUS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-49-114, concerning the definitions used under the subtitle regarding the applicability and construction of motor vehicle traffic, is amended to add additional subdivisions read as follows:

(34) "Public transit bus" means a bus operated by a public transit operator; and

(35) "Public transit operator" means a state or local governmental entity which provides public transit services within the state.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 27, Chapter 49, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

27-49-115. Public transit bus – Right-of-way.

(a) A driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to a public transit bus traveling in the same direction when the driver of the public transit bus signals that the public transit bus is reentering the traffic flow after stopping at a designated public transit bus stop or after stopping to allow passengers to board or exit the public transit bus.



(b) This section does not relieve the driver of a public transit bus from his or her duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons using the roadway.