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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1561

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE PENALTIES FOR
10 MOVING VIOLATIONS IN HIGHWAY WORK ZONES; TO CREATE
11 ADDITIONAL PENALTIES FOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS RESULTING
12 IN INJURY OR DEATH OF CONSTRUCTION PERSONNEL; AND FOR
13 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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18 ZONES; AND TO CREATE ADDITIONAL PENALTIES
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20 INJURY OR DEATH OF CONSTRUCTION
21 PERSONNEL.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 27, Chapter 50, Subchapter 4, is
28 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

29 27-50-409. Injury to construction personnel - Penalties - Definitions.

30 (a) As used in this section:

31 (1) "Construction personnel" means an employee of the Arkansas
32 Department of Transportation or the counties or municipalities of this state
33 or a contractor of the State Highway Commission or the counties or
34 municipalities of this state; and

35 (2) "Highway work zone" means the area upon or adjacent to any
36 highway, road, or street of this state where construction, reconstruction,



1 maintenance, or any other type of work is being performed by a construction
2 personnel.

3 (b) A person who commits a moving traffic violation while the person
4 is driving through a highway work zone in this state upon conviction is
5 guilty of a:

6 (1) Class A misdemeanor, in the event the moving traffic
7 violation results in physical injury to a member of construction personnel;
8 and

9 (2) Class C felony, in the event the moving traffic violation
10 results in the death of a member of construction personnel.

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