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A Bill

SENATE BILL 494

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW TO REQUIRE THAT THE DIRECTOR
11 OF STATE HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION PERFORM
12 ADDITIONAL DUTIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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15 TO AMEND THE LAW TO REQUIRE THAT THE
16 DIRECTOR OF STATE HIGHWAYS AND
17 TRANSPORTATION PERFORM ADDITIONAL DUTIES.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-65-147, concerning reports by the
24 Director of State Highways and Transportation to the General Assembly, is
25 amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

26 (c)(1) The Director of State Highways and Transportation shall request
27 that the Congress of the United States amend 23 U.S.C. § 127 concerning the
28 vehicle weight limitations on the Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of
29 Interstate and Defense Highways to include the following language:

30 "(x) Certain Logging Vehicles in the State of Arkansas.

31 (1) In General. The United States Secretary of Transportation
32 shall waive, with respect to a covered logging vehicle, the application of
33 any vehicle weight limit established under this section.

34 (2) Covered logging vehicle defined. In this subsection, the
35 term "covered logging vehicle" means a vehicle that—

36 (A) is transporting unprocessed forest products;



1 (B) has a gross vehicle weight of not more than 85,000
2 pounds;

3 (C) has not less than 5 axles;

4 (D) is operating on a segment of the Interstate Highway
5 System in the State of Arkansas that is no more than 20 miles long; and

6 (E) has received a permit to operate on the segment of the
7 Interstate Highway System in the State of Arkansas from the Arkansas Highway
8 Police Division of the Arkansas Department of Transportation."

9 (2)(A) This act shall expire on the date the Congress of the
10 United States amends 23 U.S.C. § 127 to include the language requested under
11 subdivision (c)(1) of this section.

12 (B) The Director of State Highways and Transportation
13 shall notify the Bureau of Legislative Research and the Director of the
14 Bureau of Legislative Research of the occurrence of Congressional action that
15 would cause the expiration of this act.

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