



## AADA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE MAY 1, 2023



### FINAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The House and Senate returned to the State Capitol today for *sine die* which officially ends the 94th General Assembly.

Adjournment *sine die* triggers several legal processes, starting the 90-day clock for new acts to become law and for groups to petition for ballot referendums on any new legislative acts. As a result, the acts without emergency clauses will go into effect on July 31, 2023, if lawmakers adjourn *sine die* on Monday.

### BILLS DIRECTLY IMPACTING DEALERS

As we've mentioned, this session has been incredibly successful for AADA, and every dealer should be proud of the accomplishments this year. There are two bills of note that will directly impact Arkansas dealers. Starting with AADA's franchise bill, HB 1579 now [Act 515](#), further defines the allocation process for dealers. For a summary of the bill [click here](#).

The second bill is HB 1150, now [Act 41](#). This bill increases the time for a consumer to register a vehicle to 60-days. Additionally, temporary tags will now be valid for 60-days. As mentioned above, both of these statutory changes will be effective on July 31, 2023.

### BILLS OF INTEREST FOR AADA

Throughout the session, AADA tracked a number of bills of interest for dealers. A complete list is below with links to each of these bills as well as an update on the status:

HB 1077, now [Act 564](#): AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND LICENSING - DIVISION OF LABOR APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR.

HB 1150, now [Act 41](#), by Rep. Cavanaugh: TO AMEND THE LAW TO EXTEND THE TIME PERIOD AUTHORIZED FOR THE REGISTRATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE;

AND TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING TEMPORARY PREPRINTED PAPER BUYER'S TAGS.

HB 1244, now [Act 261](#), by Rep. Achor: TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF AND APPLICATION FOR A DIGITIZED DRIVER'S LICENSE.

HB 1354, now [Act 211](#), by Rep. Holcomb: TO DISTRIBUTE REVENUES FROM THE ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION FEE FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES, HYBRID VEHICLES, AND PLUG-IN HYBRID VEHICLES UNDER THE ARKANSAS HIGHWAY REVENUE DISTRIBUTION LAW.

HB 1365, now [Act 264](#), By Rep. Holcomb: TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING RECORDS MAINTAINED BY SCRAP METAL RECYCLERS; AND TO CREATE OFFENSES FOR THEFT OF A CATALYTIC CONVERTER AND UNAUTHORIZED POSSESSION OF A CATALYTIC CONVERTER.

HB 1503, now [Act 508](#), by Rep. Gazaway: TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF OPERATING A CHOP SHOP; AND TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF DEALING IN STOLEN OR FORGED MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS.

HB 1520, now [Act 422](#), by Rep. Ladyman: TO AMEND THE PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK TRUST FUND ACT; TO AMEND THE PAYMENT LIMIT PER OCCURRENCE FOR CORRECTIVE ACTION; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

HB 1579, now [Act 515](#), by Rep. Wardlaw: TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION ACT.

HB 1671, now [Act 821](#), by Rep. Pearce: TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE PENALTIES IMPOSED ON A USED MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER FOR A VIOLATION OF THE REQUIRED LICENSING LAWS.

HB 1765, now [Act 840](#), by Rep. Wing: TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS TOWING AND RECOVERY BOARD TO ESTABLISH RULES NECESSARY FOR THE TOWING, RECOVERY, AND STORAGE OF ELECTRIC VEHICLES.

HB 1783, now [Act 847](#), by Rep. Wardlaw: TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS FRANCHISE PRACTICES ACT.

SB 47, now [Act 50](#), by Sen. Boyd: TO REPEAL THE LAW THAT PROHIBITS LEAVING A RUNNING VEHICLE UNATTENDED.

SB 237, now [Act 762](#), by Sen. A. Clark: CONCERNING VEHICLES, BOATS, OR FARMING EQUIPMENT WITH A REMOVED, DAMAGED, MUTILATED, OR DEFACED SERIAL NUMBER OR VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER.

SB 427, now [Act 696](#), by Sen. Hill: TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION FOR SPECIAL EVENTS TO ALLOW CERTAIN NEW MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS AND NEW MOTOR VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS OR DISTRIBUTORS TO DISPLAY AND SELL CERTAIN VEHICLES AT CERTAIN SPECIAL EVENTS.

SB 485, now [Act 709](#), by Sen. Payton: TO AMEND ACTS 2023, NO. 264; AND TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE OFFENSES OF THEFT OF A CATALYTIC CONVERTER AND UNAUTHORIZED POSSESSION OF A CATALYTIC CONVERTER.

SB 508, now [Act 713](#), by Sen. Payton: TO AMEND THE USED TIRE RECYCLING AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT; TO AMEND THE USED TIRE PROGRAMS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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Thanks for everything each of you do, and if you have any questions about this bulletin please don't hesitate to call, 501-372-2596, or email Greg Kirkpatrick [greg@arkautodealers.com](mailto:greg@arkautodealers.com).