
SUBCHAPTER 9.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE SPECIAL EVENTS

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The General Assembly finds that:

(1) A recreational vehicle special event sponsored by a city, county, nonprofit entity, or recreational vehicle owners' organization draws people from all over the state and other states;

(2) A recreational vehicle special event can provide a valuable increase in tourism for the state; and

(3) The laws and rules related to the display and sale of recreational vehicles at a recreational vehicle special event must be modified to lessen the restrictions that are hampering economic growth.

HISTORY: Acts 2011, No. 263, § 1.

23-112-902. Definitions.

As used in this subchapter:

(1) "Nonprofit entity" means an entity that has received tax exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service under section 501(c)(3) or section (501)(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as it existed on January 1, 2011;

(2) "Public venue" means a location that:

(A) Is open to the general public; and

(B) Is not the address designated as the primary business address of a new motor vehicle dealer licensed by the Arkansas Motor Vehicle Commission or a used motor vehicle dealer licensed by the Department of Arkansas State Police;

(3) "Recreational vehicle owners' organization" means an entity that is organized as a nonprofit entity or for-profit entity and in good standing with the Secretary of State;

(4) "Recreational vehicle special event" means an event held at a public venue with or without an admission fee that:

(A) Is sponsored by a city, a county, a nonprofit entity, or a recreational vehicle owners' organization;

(B) Occurs for no more than seven (7) consecutive days; and

(C) Includes any of the following that are invited to attend:

(i) New recreational vehicle dealers to display and sell recreational vehicles; or

(ii) New recreational vehicle manufacturers or distributors to display recreational vehicles; and

(5) "Significant positive economic impact" means an economic benefit of at least two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to the state or a region of the state.

HISTORY: Acts 2011, No. 263, § 1.

23-112-903. Statements of estimated positive economic impact.

A statement of the estimated positive economic impact of a proposed recreational vehicle special event shall be submitted to the Arkansas Motor Vehicle Commission from an independent source such as a university, chamber of commerce, or other entity that regularly engages in the estimation of the economic benefit of an occurrence for businesses and industries.

HISTORY: Acts 2011, No. 263, § 1.

23-112-904. Significant positive economic impact determinations.

(a) If the statement of estimated positive economic impact that is submitted to the Arkansas Motor Vehicle Commission establishes that a recreational vehicle special event has a significant positive economic impact, the recreational vehicle special event is exempt from regulation by the commission as provided under § 23-112-905.

(b) If the statement of estimated positive economic impact that is presented to the commission establishes that a recreational vehicle special event will not have a significant positive economic impact, then the commission shall determine whether the recreational vehicle special event is exempt from this chapter and any rules promulgated by the commission.

HISTORY: Acts 2011, No. 263, § 1.

23-112-905. Authority to waive relevant market area and rules.

(a) The Arkansas Motor Vehicle Commission shall waive the following for a recreational vehicle special event that has a significant positive economic impact or is determined by the commission to otherwise qualify for an exemption under § 23-112-904(b) if no franchised motor vehicle dealer of a licensed manufacturer is represented in the host county of the recreational vehicle special event or the counties contiguous to the host county:

(1) The provisions of this chapter regarding relevant market area; and

(2) The rules regarding motor vehicle dealers in contiguous counties.

- (b) (1)** The commission may promulgate rules for the issuance of a temporary permit to out-of-state motor vehicle dealers and manufacturers to participate in a recreational vehicle special event under this subchapter.
- (2)** The commission shall not promulgate a rule that puts a greater burden on out-of-state motor vehicle dealers and manufacturers to obtain a temporary permit than the requirements necessary for a motor vehicle dealer or manufacturer to obtain a license from the commission.
- (3)** If the commission establishes fees for a temporary permit under this subsection, the fees shall not exceed:
- (A)** For an out-of-state motor vehicle dealer, one hundred dollars (\$100);
 - (B)** For a manufacturer or distributor, two hundred fifty dollars (\$250);
 - (C)** For an out-of-state salesperson, fifteen dollars (\$15.00); and
 - (D)** For a factory representative or distributor representative, fifty dollars (\$50.00).

HISTORY: Acts 2011, No. 263, § 1.