

1 HB356
2 203794-3
3 By Representative Sorrell
4 RFD: Public Safety and Homeland Security
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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would prohibit individuals from
9 transporting cats or dogs on a flatbed truck while
10 traveling on a public highway with exceptions.

11 Amendment 621 of the Constitution of Alabama
12 of 1901, now appearing as Section 111.05 of the
13 Official Recompilation of the Constitution of
14 Alabama of 1901, as amended, prohibits a general
15 law whose purpose or effect would be to require a
16 new or increased expenditure of local funds from
17 becoming effective with regard to a local
18 governmental entity without enactment by a 2/3 vote
19 unless: it comes within one of a number of
20 specified exceptions; it is approved by the
21 affected entity; or the Legislature appropriates
22 funds, or provides a local source of revenue, to
23 the entity for the purpose.

24 The purpose or effect of this bill would be
25 to require a new or increased expenditure of local
26 funds within the meaning of the amendment. However,
27 the bill does not require approval of a local

1 governmental entity or enactment by a 2/3 vote to
2 become effective because it comes within one of the
3 specified exceptions contained in the amendment.
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5 A BILL
6 TO BE ENTITLED
7 AN ACT
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9 Relating to individuals driving on a public highway
10 with exceptions; to prohibit an individual from transporting a
11 cat or dog on the open platform of the flatbed truck on a
12 public highway; and in connection therewith would have as its
13 purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased
14 expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Amendment 621
15 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as
16 Section 111.05 of the Official ReCompilation of the
17 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended.

18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

19 Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, the
20 following terms shall have the following meanings:

21 (1) FLATBED TRUCK. A motor vehicle with an open
22 platform with sides lower than eight inches that are attached
23 to the back of the vehicle's frame.

24 (2) PUBLIC HIGHWAY. A road, highway, or thoroughfare
25 with two or more lanes used by the traveling public. This term
26 does not include a county or municipal road.

1 (b) An individual operating a flatbed truck may not
2 transport a cat or dog on the open platform of the truck on a
3 public highway unless the cat or dog is secured in a cage
4 which will prevent the cat or dog from falling, being thrown,
5 or jumping from the flatbed truck.

6 (c) Any individual violating this section shall be
7 guilty of a violation, and upon conviction, shall be punished
8 by a fine of not more than fifty dollars (\$50) for a first
9 offense, nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200) for each
10 subsequent offense.

11 (d) Nothing in this section shall apply to
12 individuals operating a flatbed truck and crossing a public
13 highway in order to continue on a county or municipal road.

14 Section 2. Although this bill would have as its
15 purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased
16 expenditure of local funds, the bill is excluded from further
17 requirements and application under Amendment 621, now
18 appearing as Section 111.05 of the Official Recompilation of
19 the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, because the
20 bill defines a new crime or amends the definition of an
21 existing crime.

22 Section 3. This act shall become effective on the
23 first day of the third month following its passage and
24 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.