

1 **State of Arkansas**  
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# **A Bill**

**HOUSE BILL 1372**

4 **By: Reps. Pollan, Owens, Riable, Molinaro, Smith**

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## **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF ARKANSAS CODE TITLE  
9 5, CHAPTER 14 CONCERNING SEXUAL OFFENSES; AND FOR OTHER  
10 PURPOSES."

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## **Subtitle**

13 "AN ACT CONCERNING SEXUAL OFFENSES AND THE RAPE SHIELD  
14 LAW."

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16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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18 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 5-14-103 is amended to read as follows:

19 "5-14-103. Rape.

20 (a) A person commits rape if he engages in sexual intercourse or  
21 deviate sexual activity with another person:

22 (1) By forcible compulsion; or

23 (2) Who is incapable of consent because he is physically  
24 helpless; or

25 (3) Who is less than fourteen (14) years of age. It is an  
26 affirmative defense to prosecution under this subdivision that the actor was  
27 not more than two (2) years older than the victim; or

28 (4) Not his spouse who is less than sixteen (16) years of age and  
29 who is incapable of consent because he is mentally defective or mentally  
30 incapacitated.

31 (b) Rape is a Class Y felony."

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33 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 5-14-104 is amended to read as follows:

34 "5-14-104. Carnal abuse in the first degree.

35 (a) A person commits carnal abuse in the first degree if, being under

1 the age of eighteen (18) years , he engages in sexual intercourse or deviate  
2 sexual activity with another person not his spouse who is less than fourteen  
3 (14) years old. It is an affirmative defense to prosecution under this  
4 subdivision that the actor was not more than two (2) years older than the  
5 victim.

6 (b) Carnal abuse in the first degree is a Class B felony."  
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8 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code 5-14-108 is amended to read as follows:

9 "5-14-108. Sexual abuse in the first degree.

10 (a) A person commits sexual abuse in the first degree if:

11 (1) He engages in sexual contact with another person by forcible  
12 compulsion; or

13 (2) He engages in sexual contact with another person who is  
14 incapable of consent because he is physically helpless; or

15 (3) Being eighteen (18) years old or older, he engages in sexual  
16 contact with a person not his spouse who is less than fourteen (14) years old;  
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18 (4) He engages in sexual contact with a person who is less than  
19 sixteen (16) years of age and who is incapable of consent because he is  
20 mentally defective or mentally incapacitated.

21 (b) Sexual abuse in the first degree is a Class C felony."  
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23 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code 5-14-109 is amended to read as follows:

24 "5-14-109. Sexual abuse in the second degree.

25 (a) A person commits sexual abuse in the second degree if:

26 (1) He engages in sexual contact with another person not his  
27 spouse who is incapable of consent because he is mentally defective or  
28 mentally incapacitated;

29 (2) Being less than eighteen (18) years old, he engages in sexual  
30 contact with a person not his spouse who is less than fourteen (14) years old.  
31 It is an affirmative defense to prosecution under this subdivision that the  
32 actor was not more than two (2) years older than the victim.

33 (b) Sexual abuse in the second degree is a *Class A misdemeanor*."  
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35 SECTION 5. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature

1 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
2 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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4 SECTION 6. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
5 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
6 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
7 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
8 act are declared to be severable.

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10 SECTION 7. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
11 hereby repealed.

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*/s/Rep. Pollan, et al*

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