1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: H3/24/15	
2	90th General Assembly	A Bill	
3	Regular Session, 2015		HOUSE BILL 1762
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5	By: Representative B. Smith		
6	By: Senator J. Cooper		
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8		For An Act To Be Entitled	
9	AN ACT TO CI	REATE THE OFFENSE OF FEMALE G	ENITAL
10	MUTILATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.		
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13		Subtitle	
14	TO CRE	ATE THE OFFENSE OF FEMALE GEN	NITAL
15	MUTILA	TION.	
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18	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GEI	NERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE O	F ARKANSAS:
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20	SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Chapter 60, Subchapter 1, is amended		
21	to add an additional section to read as follows:		
22		genital mutilation.	
23	_	mits the offense of female ge	nital mutilation if he or
24	she knowingly:		
25		cises, excises, or infibulate	
26	_	minor, or clitoris of a fema	
27		ts to or permits the circumci	
28		or in part, the labia majora,	
29		minor and the person is a par	_
30		is or has custody of the fema	
31		s or causes or permits the re	
32	minor from this state for the purpose of circumcising, excising, or		
33	infibulating, in whole or in part, the labia majora, labia minor, or clitoris		
34	of the female.	ol mutilation in a Clare B.C.	1 om :-
35	_	al mutilation is a <i>Class B</i> fe	•
36	<u>(c) It is not a (</u>	defense to prosecution under	this section that:

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1	(1) The conduct under subsection (a) of this section is required		
2	as a matter of religion, custom, ritual, or standard practice;		
3	(2) The female who received the circumcision, excision, or		
4	infibulation consented to the circumcision, excision, or infibulation; or		
5	(3) A parent or guardian of the female who received the		
6	circumcision, excision, or infibulation consented to the circumcision,		
7	excision, or infibulation.		
8	(d) It is a defense to prosecution under this section that the		
9	circumcision, excision, or infibulation is done as a surgical procedure if		
10	the surgical procedure is:		
11	(1) Necessary to the health of the person who receives the		
12	procedure and is performed by a person licensed by the Arkansas State Medical		
13	Board; or		
14	(2) Performed on a person in labor or who has just give birth		
15	and is performed for medical purposes associated with labor or birth by a		
16	person licensed in this state.		
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18	/s/B. Smith		
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