

1 State of Arkansas
2 88th General Assembly
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4
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1504

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT A LEVEL 3 OR LEVEL 4 SEX OFFENDER
9 FROM BEING AT A WATER PARK OWNED OR OPERATED BY A
10 LOCAL GOVERNMENT; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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16 OFFENDER FROM BEING AT A WATER PARK OWNED
17 OR OPERATED BY A LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TO
18 DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Chapter 14, Subchapter 1 is amended
24 to add a new section to read as follows:

25 5-14-133. Registered offender prohibited from entering a water park
26 owned or operated by a local government.

27 (a) As used in this section, "water park" means a recreational
28 facility that has among its features a swimming pool and is open to the
29 general public.

30 (b) It is unlawful for a person who is required to register under the
31 Sex Offender Registration Act of 1997, § 12-12-901 et seq., and who has been
32 assessed as a Level 3 or Level 4 offender to knowingly enter a water park
33 owned or operated by a local government.

34 (c) A violation of this section is a Class D felony.

36 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the



1 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that high-level sex offenders
2 oftentimes target young children as victims; that during the summer months,
3 water parks are popular destinations for young children; and that this act is
4 immediately necessary in order to have it effective before the late spring
5 and summer of this year, when children will begin to go to water parks.
6 Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately
7 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall
8 become effective on:

9 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

10 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
11 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
12 bill; or

13 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
14 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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