State of Arkansas
91st General Assembly
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A Bill

For An Act To Be Entitled
AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF IMPROPER USE OF OR
ALTERING THE STATE SEAL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle
TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF IMPROPER USE OF
OR ALTERING THE STATE SEAL.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Chapter 54, Subchapter 1, is amended
to add an additional section to read as follows:
5-54-133. Improper use of or altering the state seal.
(a) As used in this section, "state seal" means the Seal of the State
of Arkansas described in § 1-4-108(a).
(b) A person commits improper use of or altering the state seal if the
person knowingly uses the state seal or an altered version of the state seal
in a private, nongovernmental written communication to another person with
the purpose to injure, defraud, harass, intimidate, or coerce the other
person, and the actor:
(1) Assumes a false identity;
(2) Pretends to be a representative of a state or local agency;
(3) Pretends to be an officer or employee of the government; or
(4) Attempts to collect a debt the actor contends is owed to the
actor or another person or organization.
(c) Improper use of or altering the state seal is a Class A
misdemeanor.
(d) A prosecution under this section does not preclude a prosecution
or civil action under § 4-88-101 et seq.

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