

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1395

5 By: Representatives J. Edwards, *Adcock*

6 By: Senator Elliott  
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9 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

10 AN ACT TO MAKE THE OFFENSE OF INTERFERENCE WITH A  
11 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER COVER ANIMAL CONTROL AND  
12 CODE OFFICERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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14 **Subtitle**

15 TO MAKE THE OFFENSE OF INTERFERENCE WITH  
16 A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER COVER ANIMAL  
17 CONTROL AND CODE OFFICERS.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-54-104 is amended to read as follows:

23 5-54-104. Interference with a law enforcement officer.

24 (a)(1) A person commits the offense of interference with a law  
25 enforcement officer if he or she knowingly employs or threatens to employ  
26 physical force against a law enforcement officer engaged in performing his or  
27 her official duties.

28 (2) A person commits the offense of interference with a code  
29 enforcement officer if he or she knowingly employs or threatens to employ  
30 physical force against a code enforcement officer engaged in performing his  
31 or her official duties.

32 (b)(1) Interference with a law enforcement officer or a code  
33 enforcement officer is a Class C felony if:

34 (A) The person uses or threatens to use deadly physical  
35 force; or



1 (B) The person is assisted by one (1) or more other  
2 persons and physical injury to the law enforcement officer or code  
3 enforcement officer results.

4 (2) Otherwise, interference with a law enforcement officer or a  
5 code enforcement officer is a Class A misdemeanor.

6 (c)(1) As used in this section, "code enforcement officer" means an  
7 individual charged with the duty of enforcing a municipal code, municipal  
8 ordinance, or municipal regulation as defined by a municipal code, municipal  
9 ordinance, or municipal regulation.

10 (2) "Code enforcement officer" includes a animal control  
11 officer.

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13 /s/ J. Edwards  
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