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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1506

5 By: Representative Beck
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO IMPOSE A CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR THEFT OF
9 DECORATIVE OR MEMORIAL ITEMS FROM A CEMETERY OR GRAVE
10 SITE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 TO IMPOSE A CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR THEFT OF
15 DECORATIVE OR MEMORIAL ITEMS FROM A
16 CEMETERY OR GRAVE SITE.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-36-103(b)(3) and (4), concerning the*
22 *offense of theft of property, are amended to read as follows:*

23 *(3) Class D felony if:*

24 *(A) The value of the property is five thousand dollars*
25 *(\$5,000) or less but more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000);*

26 *(B) The property is a firearm valued at less than two*
27 *thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500);*

28 *(C) The property is a:*

29 *(i) Credit card or credit card account number; or*

30 *(ii) Debit card or debit card account number;*

31 *(D) The value of the property is at least one hundred*
32 *dollars (\$100) or more but less than five hundred dollars (\$500) and the*
33 *theft occurred in an area declared to be under a state of emergency pursuant*
34 *to proclamation by the President of the United States, the Governor, or the*
35 *executive officer of a city or county;*

36 *(E) The property is livestock and the value of the*



1 livestock is in excess of two hundred dollars (\$200); or

2 (F) The property is an electric power line, gas line,
3 water line, wire or fiber insulator, electric motor, or other similar
4 apparatus connected to a farm shop, on-farm grain drying and storage complex,
5 heating and cooling system, environmental control system, animal production
6 facility, irrigation system, or dwelling; or

7 (G) The property is a decorative or memorial item from a
8 cemetery, graveyard, or a person's grave site and the offense is the actor's
9 second or subsequent offense of theft of a decorative or memorial item from a
10 cemetery, graveyard, or a person's grave site under this section;

11 (4) Class A misdemeanor if:

12 (A) The value of the property is one thousand dollars
13 (\$1,000) or less; ~~or~~

14 (B) The property has inherent, subjective, or
15 idiosyncratic value to its owner or possessor even if the property has no
16 market value or replacement cost; or

17 (C) The property is a decorative or memorial item from a
18 cemetery, graveyard, or a person's grave site.

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20 /s/Beck

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