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2 92nd General Assembly
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1550

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5 By: Representative Maddox

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING THE OFFENSE OF ABSCONDING; AND FOR
9 OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

12 CONCERNING THE OFFENSE OF ABSCONDING.

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

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18 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-54-131 is amended to read as follows:
19 5-54-131. Absconding.

20 (a) A person commits the offense of absconding if the person
21 knowingly:

22 (1) Leaves a designated residence while under house arrest
23 ordered as a condition of the person's release on a criminal offense by a
24 court of competent jurisdiction; ~~or~~

25 (2) Leaves a designated area while wearing an electronic
26 monitoring device ordered as a condition of the person's release on a
27 criminal offense by a:

28 (A) Court of competent jurisdiction; or

29 (B)(i) Sheriff or his or her designee.

30 (ii) A determination by a sheriff or his or her
31 designee placing a person on electronic monitoring remains valid until
32 changed by the sheriff or his or her designee; or

33 (3) Fails to abide by the terms of his or her sentence or
34 conditions imposed under § 16-90-122 concerning his or her release pending
35 bed space at the Department of Correction or Department of Community
36 Correction by not reporting to a designated place or at a designated time in



1 order to submit himself or herself to the custody of the Department of
2 Correction or the Department of Community Correction to serve a period of
3 incarceration he or she was previously ordered by a court to serve.

4 (b) The offense of absconding is a Class D felony.
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