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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1625

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5 By: Representative Gazaway

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF ENCOURAGING THE
9 SUICIDE OF ANOTHER PERSON; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

12 TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF ENCOURAGING THE
14 SUICIDE OF ANOTHER PERSON.

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

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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Chapter 10, is amended to add an
20 additional section to read as follows:

21 5-10-107. Encouraging the suicide of another person.

22 (a) As used in this section, "encourage" means to persuade, incite, or
23 urge.

24 (b) A person commits the offense of encouraging the suicide of another
25 person if:

26 (1) The person uses persistent language, either spoken or
27 written, to purposely encourage another person to commit suicide; and

28 (2) As a proximate result of the person's encouraging the
29 suicide of the other person, the other person commits suicide or attempts to
30 commit suicide and the attempt results in serious physical injury.

31 (c) Encouraging the suicide of another person is a Class D felony.

32 (d) A person may not be convicted of encouraging the suicide of
33 another person if the person has been charged with, tried for, or convicted
34 of a homicide offense under the theory of accomplice liability that arises
35 out of the same set of facts.

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