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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1506

5 By: Representative Shepherd
6 By: Senator T. Garner
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF A HOAX BOMB; AND FOR
10 OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

14 PROHIBITING THE USE OF A HOAX BOMB.

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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 § 5-54-201, concerning definitions used in
20 regard to terrorism offenses, is amended to add additional subdivisions to
21 read as follows:

22 (16) "Explosive or incendiary device" means the same as defined
23 in § 5-71-301; and

24 (17) "Hoax bomb" means a device designed to look like an
25 explosive or incendiary device.

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27 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-54-209 is amended to read as follows:
28 5-54-209. Use of a hoax substance or hoax bomb.

29 (a) A person commits the offense of use of a hoax substance or hoax
30 bomb if the person knowingly delivers or causes the delivery of a hoax
31 substance or hoax bomb to a governmental facility, school, business,
32 hospital, office building, or similar facility open to the public, or to a
33 person's home, business, or place of work with the purpose of causing
34 anxiety, unrest, fear, personal discomfort, or the evacuation of the
35 facility.

36 (b) Use of a hoax substance or hoax bomb is a Class D C felony.



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