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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 939

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PLACEMENT OF A TEN COMMANDMENTS  
9 MONUMENT DISPLAY ON THE STATE CAPITOL GROUNDS; AND  
10 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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13 THE TEN COMMANDMENTS MONUMENT DISPLAY  
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 22, Chapter 3, Subchapter 2 is amended  
21 to add an additional section to read as follows:

22 22-3-221. Ten Commandments Monument Display Act.

23 (a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Ten  
24 Commandments Monument Display Act".

25 (b)(1) The Secretary of State may permit and arrange for the placement  
26 on the State Capitol grounds of a suitable monument commemorating the Ten  
27 Commandments and containing the following text, which was displayed on the  
28 monument declared constitutional in Van Orden v. Perry, 545 U.S. 677 (2005):

29 "The Ten Commandments

30 I AM the LORD thy God.

31 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

32 Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven images.

33 Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

34 Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

35 Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land  
36 which the Lord thy God giveth thee.



1 Thou shalt not kill.

2 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

3 Thou shalt not steal.

4 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

5 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house.

6 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his

7 maidservant, nor his cattle, nor anything that is thy neighbor's."

8 (2)(A) The Secretary of State shall arrange for the monument to  
9 be designed, constructed, and placed on the State Capitol grounds by private  
10 entities at no expense to the State of Arkansas.

11 (B) The monument shall be placed on the State Capitol  
12 grounds where there are other monuments.

13 (3) The Secretary of State may:

14 (A) Assist private entities in selecting a location for  
15 the monument; and

16 (B) Arrange a suitable time for its placement.

17 (4) The design and site selection for the monument shall be  
18 subject to the approval of the Capitol Zoning District Commission under § 22-  
19 3-301 et seq.

20 (b) In the event that the legality or constitutionality of the  
21 monument under subsection (a) of this section is challenged in a court of  
22 law, the Attorney General may:

23 (1) Prepare and present a legal defense of the monument; or

24 (2)(A) Request that Liberty Legal Institute prepare and present  
25 a legal defense of the monument.

26 (B) A request that Liberty Legal Institute prepare and  
27 present a legal defense of the monument shall not be subject to § 25-16-702.

28 (c) The placement of the monument under this section shall not be  
29 construed to mean that the State of Arkansas favors any particular religion  
30 or denomination over others.

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