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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1514

5 By: Representatives E. Armstrong, Shepherd
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF IMPROPER USE OF OR
9 ALTERING THE STATE SEAL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

11 TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF IMPROPER USE OF
12 OR ALTERING THE STATE SEAL.
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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 54, Subchapter 1, is amended
20 to add an additional section to read as follows:

21 5-54-133. Improper use of or altering the state seal.

22 (a) As used in this section, "state seal" means the Seal of the State
23 of Arkansas described in § 1-4-108(a).

24 (b) A person commits improper use of or altering the state seal if the
25 person knowingly uses the state seal or an altered version of the state seal
26 in a private, nongovernmental written communication to another person with
27 the purpose to injure, defraud, harass, intimidate, or coerce the other
28 person, and the actor:

29 (1) Assumes a false identity;

30 (2) Pretends to be a representative of a state or local agency;

31 (3) Pretends to be an officer or employee of the government; or

32 (4) Attempts to collect a debt the actor contends is owed to the
33 actor or another person or organization.

34 (c) Improper use of or altering the state seal is a Class A
35 misdemeanor.

36 (d) A prosecution under this section does not preclude a prosecution



1 or civil action under § 4-88-101 et seq.

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