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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1899

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6 By: Senator M. Pitsch  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PERMIT A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO  
10 TRANSPORT AN INTOXICATED PERSON TO A SOBERING CENTER;  
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 TO PERMIT A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO  
16 TRANSPORT AN INTOXICATED PERSON TO A  
17 SOBERING CENTER.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 11, is amended to add an  
23 additional section to read as follows:

24 12-11-111. Discretionary transport to sobering center.

25 (a) As used in this section, "sobering center" means a facility  
26 designed to keep or house an intoxicated person for treatment.

27 (b) If acting with reasonable discretion, a law enforcement may detain  
28 and transport an intoxicated person who is committing the offense of public  
29 intoxication, § 5-71-212(a), to a sobering center for treatment as an  
30 alternative to arresting and transporting that person to a local or regional  
31 detention facility.  
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