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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1542

5 By: Representative Bryant
6 By: Senator B. Ballinger
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING THE OFFENSE OF REFUSAL TO ASSIST A
10 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER; CONCERNING THE REFUSAL TO
11 COMPLY WITH A COURT ORDER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 ASSIST A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER; AND
17 CONCERNING THE REFUSAL TO COMPLY WITH A
18 COURT ORDER.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-54-109 is amended to read as follows:
24 5-54-109. Refusing to assist law enforcement officer.

25 (a) A person commits the offense of refusing to assist a law
26 enforcement officer if, upon command by a person known by him or her to be a
27 law enforcement officer, the person unreasonably ~~refuses;~~

28 (1) Refuses or fails to assist in effecting a lawful arrest or
29 preventing another person from committing an offense; or

30 (2) Refuses to comply with a court order requiring the person to
31 assist a law enforcement officer while the law enforcement officer is
32 executing his or her official duties.

33 (b) Refusing to assist a law enforcement officer is a Class C
34 misdemeanor.
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