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Impact Assessment for HB1503 **Sponsored by Representative Gazaway**

Subtitle TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF OPERATING A CHOP SHOP; TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF DEALING IN STOLEN OR FORGED MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Impact Summary¹ Cannot be determined.

Change from Current Law² Under the proposed bill, a person commits the offense of § 5-36-109, Operating a chop shop, a Class C felony if *he or she knowingly*: (1) Owns, operates, or conducts a chop shop; (2) Transports a motor vehicle or motor vehicle part to or from a chop shop; (3) Sells, transfers, purchases, or receives a motor vehicle part ether to or from a chop shop; or (4) Modifies or removes a vehicle identification number with the purpose of misrepresenting the identity or preventing the identification of a motor vehicle or motor vehicle part. A person commits dealing in stolen or forged motor vehicle parts, a Class D felony if *he or she knowingly sells, transfers, purchases, possesses, or receives a motor vehicle or motor vehicle part with a modified vehicle identification number*.

Impact Information Because the proposed bill creates a new offense, data is unavailable as to the likely number of convictions for the new offense. Some conduct under the proposed bill is potentially already criminalized under existing criminal provisions for which the penalty may vary. For this reason, the projected impact of the proposed bill cannot be determined.

¹ This impact assessment was prepared 2/28/2023 6:51 AM by the staff of the Arkansas Sentencing Commission pursuant to A. C. A. § 16-90-802(d)(6) with data supplied by the Arkansas Department of Corrections and the Administrative Office of the Courts. A micro-simulation model may be used for bills which have the potential for significant impact on correctional resources. The following designations will be used: “minimal” = less than 10 offenders per year will be affected; “medium” = would require budgetary increases for ADC inmate costs; and “major” = would require budgetary increases for ADC inmate costs and construction costs for additional beds.

² Standard punishment ranges:

Class Y 10-40 years or life
Class A 6-30 years; up to \$15,000
Class B 5-20 years; up to \$15,000

Class C 3-10 years; up to \$10,000
Class D 0-6 years; up to \$10,000
Unclassified As specified in statute

Misdemeanors
Class A Up to 1 year; up to \$2,500
Class B Up to 90 days; up to \$1,000
Class C Up to 30 days; up to \$500