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HOUSE BILL 1553

By: Representative Matthews

"AN ACT TO AMEND SUBSECTION 3 OF SECTION 1 OF ACT 696 OF 1975, AS AMENDED [ARK. STAT. 41-3151] TO PERMIT CERTIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO CARRY WEAPONS AT ALL TIMES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Subsection (3) of Section 1 of Act 696 of 1975, as amended, the same being Arkansas Statute 41-3151(3) is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(3) It is a defense to a prosecution under this Section that at the time of the act of carrying:

(a) the person is in his own dwelling or place of business or on property in which he has a possessory or proprietary interest; or

(b) the person is a law enforcement officer, prison guard or member of the armed forces, acting in the course and scope of his official duties; or

(c) the person is assisting a law enforcement officer, prison guard, or member of the armed forces acting in the course and scope of official duties pursuant to the direction or request of such law enforcement officer, prison guard, or member of the armed forces;

(d) the person is carrying a weapon when upon a journey;

(e) the person is a licensed security guard acting in the course and scope of his duties;

(f) the person is hunting game with a handgun which may be hunted with a handgun under rules and regulations of the Game and Fish Commission or is en route to or from a hunting area for the purpose of hunting game with a handgun; or

(g) the person is a certified law enforcement officer."

SECTION 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

/s/David Matthews

