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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1203

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PERSON CONVICTED OF A CRIMINAL
9 OFFENSE WHO EMPLOYED A FIREARM IN FURTHERANCE OF THE
10 CRIMINAL OFFENSE SHALL SERVE A MINIMUM SENTENCE IN A
11 CORRECTIONAL FACILITY OR COUNTY JAIL EQUAL TO EIGHTY-FIVE
12 PERCENT (85%) OF THE TIME OF IMPRISONMENT TO WHICH THE
13 PERSON IS SENTENCED; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

16 "TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON CONVICTED OF A
17 CRIMINAL OFFENSE WHO EMPLOYED A FIREARM
18 SHALL SERVE A MINIMUM SENTENCE EQUAL TO
19 85% OF THE TIME OF IMPRISONMENT TO WHICH
20 THE PERSON IS SENTENCED"

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

24 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any
25 person convicted of any criminal offense in which the trial court finds that
26 the person convicted employed a handgun or firearm in the course of or in
27 furtherance of the criminal offense, or in immediate flight therefrom, shall
28 be sentenced to and shall serve, without eligibility for parole or transfer
29 to community punishment, a minimum sentence in a correctional facility, if a
30 felony offense, or in a county jail, if a misdemeanor offense, for a term
31 equal to eighty-five percent (85%) of the time of imprisonment to which the
32 person is sentenced.

34 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent
35 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas

1 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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3 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
4 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
5 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
6 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
7 act are declared to be severable.

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9 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
10 hereby repealed.

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