

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1444

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5 By: Representative Wilkinson

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED § 5-37-208 TO
10 EXPAND THE DEFINITION OF CRIMINAL IMPERSONATION TO INCLUDE
11 PRETENDING TO BE A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES."

Subtitle

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14 "TO EXPAND THE DEFINITION OF CRIMINAL
15 IMPERSONATION TO INCLUDE PRETENDING TO
16 BE A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER"

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

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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated § 5-37-208 is amended to read as
22 follows:

23 "5-37-208. Criminal impersonation.

24 (a)(1) A person commits criminal impersonation in the first degree if,
25 with the intent to induce a person to submit to pretended official authority
26 for the purpose to injure or defraud the person, he:

27 (A) pretends to be a law enforcement officer by wearing or
28 displaying, without authority, any uniform or badge by which law enforcement
29 officers are lawfully distinguished; or

30 (B) uses a motor vehicle or motorcycle designed, equipped or
31 marked so as to resemble a motor vehicle or motorcycle belonging to a federal,
32 state or local law enforcement agency.

33 (2) Criminal impersonation in the first degree is a Class D
34 felony.

35 ~~——(a)(b)(1)~~ A person commits criminal impersonation in the second degree
36 if he does an act in his pretended or assumed capacity or character with the

1 purpose to injure or defraud another person and he:

2 _____(1)(A) Assumes a false identity;

3 _____(2)(B) Pretends to be a representative of some person or
4 organization;

5 _____(3)(C) Pretends to be an officer or employee of the
6 government other than a law enforcement officer described in subsection (a);
7 or

8 _____(4)(D) Pretends to have a handicap or disability.

9 _____(b)(2) Criminal impersonation in the second degree is a Class A
10 misdemeanor."

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12 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
13 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
14 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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

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

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/s/Rep. Wilkinson

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