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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1555

5 *By: Representatives Jeffress, Rodgers, and Teague*
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 5-65-302 AND ARKANSAS CODE
10 5-65-303 TO CLARIFY THAT MINORS CAN BE CHARGED FOR
11 DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES; AND
12 FOR OTHER PURPOSES."
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Subtitle

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15 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 5-65-
16 302(1) AND ARKANSAS CODE 5-65-303(a)."
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 5-65-302(1) is amended to read as follows:

20 "(1) Influence means being controlled or affected by the ingestion of
21 an alcoholic beverage or similar intoxicant, controlled substance, or any
22 combination thereof, to such a degree that the driver's reactions, motor
23 skills, and judgment are altered or diminished, even to the slightest scale,
24 and the underage driver, therefore, due to inexperience and lack of skill,
25 constitutes a danger of physical injury or death to himself and other
26 motorists or pedestrians;"
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28 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 5-65-303(a) is amended to read as follows:

29 "(a) It is unlawful and punishable as provided in this subchapter for
30 any underage person to operate or be in actual physical control of a motor
31 vehicle while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage or similar
32 intoxicant ,controlled substance, or any combination thereof."
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34 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
35 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
36 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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

SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

/s/Rep. Jeffress et al