

1 State of Arkansas  
2 82nd General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 1999

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1226

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5 By: Representative Harris  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR ENHANCED PENALTY FOR CRIMES  
10 COMMITTED BY REASON OF THE VICTIM'S RACE, COLOR,  
11 ANCESTRY, ETHNICITY, RELIGION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, GENDER  
12 OR SEXUAL PREFERENCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."  
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## Subtitle

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15 "TO PROVIDE FOR ENHANCED PENALTY FOR  
16 CRIMES COMMITTED BY REASON OF THE  
17 VICTIM'S RACE, COLOR, ANCESTRY,  
18 ETHNICITY, RELIGION, NATIONAL ORIGIN,  
19 GENDER OR SEXUAL PREFERENCE."  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. When any person is convicted of any felony or misdemeanor  
25 committed because of race, color, ancestry, ethnicity, religion, national  
26 origin, sexual preference, or gender of the victim, if the crime is a  
27 misdemeanor the penalty therefor shall be doubled and if the crime is a felony  
28 the penalty therefor shall be enhanced by twenty-five percent (25%).  
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30 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
31 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
32 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.  
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34 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
35 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
36 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without

1 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
2 act are declared to be severable.

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5 hereby repealed.

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