1   State of Arkansas

2   82nd General Assembly   # A Bill

3   Regular Session, 1999   HOUSE BILL   1621

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5   By: Representatives Ferrell, Carson, Bledsoe, Green

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8   **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9   "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED § 5-70-103 TO

10   INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR PATRONIZING A PROSTITUTE;

11   AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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13   **Subtitle**

14   "TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR

15   PATRONIZING A PROSTITUTE."

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

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19   SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated § 5-70-103 is amended to read as

20 follows:

21   "5-70-103. Patronizing a prostitute.

22   (a) A person commits the offense of patronizing a prostitute if he:

23   (1) Pays or agrees to pay a fee to another person on an

24 understanding that in return that person or a third person will engage in

25 sexual activity with him; or

26   (2) Solicits or requests another person to engage in sexual

27 activity with him in return for a fee.

28   (b) Patronizing a prostitute is a Class C̶ B misdemeanor for the first

29 offense and a Class A misdemeanor for second and subsequent offenses."

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31   SECTION 2. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature

32 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code

33 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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35   SECTION 3. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to

36 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect

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1   other provisions or applications of the Act which can be given effect without

2   the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this

3   Act are declared to be severable.

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5   SECTION 4.   All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are

6   hereby repealed.

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