

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 83rd General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2001

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2332

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5 By: Representatives Scroggin, Hunt
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO REPEAL ARKANSAS CODE 5-15-104
10 CONCERNING PROCLAIMING ONE A COWARD; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 AN ACT TO REPEAL ARKANSAS CODE 5-15-104
15 CONCERNING PROCLAIMING ONE A COWARD.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 5-15-104 is repealed.

21 ~~5-15-104. Proclaiming one as coward for not accepting challenge—~~
22 ~~Penalty.~~

23 ~~(a) If any person shall in any newspaper or handbill or other~~
24 ~~advertisement, printed or written, publish or proclaim any other person as a~~
25 ~~coward, or use any other opprobrious or abusive language, for not accepting a~~
26 ~~challenge to fight a duel or for not fighting a duel, the person commits a~~
27 ~~felony and shall be fined in any sum not less than three hundred dollars~~
28 ~~(\$300) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or be imprisoned in the~~
29 ~~penitentiary at hard labor for a term of not less than two (2) months nor~~
30 ~~more than one (1) year, or both fine and imprisonment.~~

31 ~~(b) The publisher or printer of any newspaper, handbill, or other~~
32 ~~publication may be summoned as a witness and shall be required to testify~~
33 ~~against the writer of the handbill or publication. If the publisher or~~
34 ~~printer shall refuse to testify in relation to the premises, either before~~
35 ~~the grand or petit jury, or any judicial officer, he shall be deemed guilty~~
36 ~~of a flagrant contempt of court and may be punished by fine and imprisonment~~

1 ~~or either. However, the testimony given by such witness shall in no case be~~
2 ~~used in any prosecution or civil suit against that witness.~~

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