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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REPEAL ARKANSAS CODE § 5-73-121(b),
CONCERNING PRIMA FACIE PROOF OF CARRYING A KNIFE
AS A WEAPON; TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION TO §
5-73-121(a); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REPEAL ARKANSAS CODE § 5-73-121(b),
CONCERNING PRIMA FACIE PROOF OF CARRYING
A KNIFE AS A WEAPON AND TO MAKE A
TECHNICAL CORRECTION TO § 5-73-121(a).

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-73-121 is amended to read as follows:
5-73-121. Carrying a knife as a weapon.

(a) A Upon conviction, a person who carries a knife as a weapon,
except when upon a journey or upon his or her own premises, shall be punished
~~as provided by § 5-73-123(b) [repealed]~~ by a fine of not more than two
hundred dollars (\$200) or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more
than thirty (30) days, or by both fine and imprisonment.

~~(b) If a person carries a knife with a blade three and one half inches~~
~~(3 1/2") long or longer, this fact is prima facie proof that the knife is~~
~~carried as a weapon.~~

~~(e)~~(b) This section does not apply to:

(1) An officer whose duties include making an arrest or keeping



1 and guarding a prisoner; or

2 (2) A person summoned by the officer to aid in the discharge of
3 the officer's duties while actually engaged in the discharge of the officer's
4 duties.