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10   **For An Act To Be Entitled**

11   AN ACT TO PROTECT WOMEN WHO BREAST-FEED THEIR

12   CHILDREN; TO CREATE A CAUSE OF ACTION TO PREVENT

13   INTERFERENCE WITH THE BREASTFEEDING OF A CHILD;

14   AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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16   **Subtitle**

17   AN ACT TO PROTECT WOMEN WHO BREAST-FEED

18   CHILDREN AND TO CREATE A CAUSE OF ACTION

19   TO PREVENT INTERFERENCE WITH THE

20   BREASTFEEDING OF A CHILD.

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

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25   SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-14-112, concerning indecent exposure, is

26   amended to read as follows:

27   (c) A woman is not in violation of this section for

28   breastfeeding a child in a public place or any place where other individuals

29   are present.

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31   SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 16, Chapter 118, Subchapter 1 is

32   amended to add an additional subchapter to read as follows:

33   16-118-109. Breastfeeding in public.

34   (a) A woman may breastfeed her baby in a public place or any other

35   place.

36   (b)(1) A woman who suffers a physical injury or extreme mental anguish

1   due to a violation of subsection (a) of this section may bring a civil action

2   for damages in a court of competent jurisdiction.

3   (2) If the plaintiff prevails in an action brought under

4   subdivision (b)(1) of this section, the court may award the plaintiff

5   reasonable attorney's fees and reasonable court costs.