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A Bill

SENATE BILL 550

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF UNLAWFUL MASS
9 PICKETING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

12 TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF UNLAWFUL MASS
13 PICKETING.

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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 Title 5, Chapter 71, Subchapter 2, is amended
20 to add an additional section to read as follows:

21 5-71-218. Unlawful mass picketing.

22 (a) As used in this section, "mass picketing" means the assembly of
23 persons in the use of pickets or demonstrations at or near a business,
24 school, or private facility.

25 (b) A person commits the offense of unlawful mass picketing if the
26 person knowingly:

27 (1) Engages in mass picketing that:

28 (A) Hinders or prevents by the mass picketing the pursuit
29 of lawful work or employment; or

30 (B) Obstructs or interferes with:

31 (i) Entrance to or egress from a place of
32 employment; or

33 (ii) Free and uninterrupted use of public roads,
34 streets, highways, railways, airports, or other ways of travel or conveyance;
35 or

36 (2) Engages in mass picketing at a private residence.



1 (c) This section does not apply to a person who is validly exercising
2 his or her rights as guaranteed by the United States Constitution or the
3 Arkansas Constitution.

4 (d) Unlawful mass picketing is a Class A misdemeanor.

5 (e)(1) A person or entity who is harmed by unlawful mass picketing
6 under this section may seek injunctive relief in the circuit court having
7 jurisdiction to enjoin a person engaged in unlawful mass picketing from
8 participating in unlawful mass picketing.

9 (2) A court hearing a petition for injunctive relief under this
10 subsection may award court costs and reasonable attorney's fees to a
11 prevailing party as well as order a civil fine of up to one thousand dollars
12 (\$1,000) per day for a person who violates an order enjoining him or her from
13 engaging in unlawful mass picketing.

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