1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: \$3/7/17	
2	91st General Assembly	A Bill	
3	Regular Session, 2017		SENATE BILL 550
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5	By: Senator T. Garner		
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7	For An Act To Be Entitled		
8	AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF UNLAWFUL MASS		
9	PICKETING	; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.	
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12		Subtitle	
13	TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF UNLAWFUL MASS		
14	PICK	ETING.	
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17	BE IT ENACTED BY THE (GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF	f 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 23	(a) As used in this section, "mass picketing" means the assembly of		
23 24	persons in the use of pickets or demonstrations at or near a business, school, or private facility.		
25		ommits the offense of unlawful m	mass nicketing if the
26	person knowingly:	Similes the offense of unfawful in	nass prekeering in the
27		ges in mass picketing that:	
28	(A)	Hinders or prevents by the mas	ss picketing the pursuit
29	of lawful work or emp		<u>, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , </u>
30	(B)	Obstructs or interferes with:	
31		(i) Entrance to or egress fr	com a place of
32	employment; or		<u>. </u>
33		(ii) Free and uninterrupted	use of public roads,
34	streets, highways, ra	ilways, airports, or other ways	-
35	<u>or</u>	-	
36		ges in mass picketing at a priva	ate residence that:

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1	(A) Obstructs or unreasonably interferes with entrance to		
2	or exit from the private residence; or		
3	(B) Includes a threat of violence or intimidation near or		
4	contiguous to the private residence.		
5	(c) This section does not apply to a person who is validly exercising		
6	his or her rights as guaranteed by the United States Constitution or the		
7	Arkansas Constitution.		
8	(d) Unlawful mass picketing is a Class A misdemeanor.		
9	(e)(1) A person or entity who is harmed by unlawful mass picketing		
10	under this section may seek injunctive relief in the circuit court having		
11	jurisdiction to enjoin a person engaged in unlawful mass picketing from		
12	participating in unlawful mass picketing.		
13	(2) A court hearing a petition for injunctive relief under this		
14	subsection may award court costs and reasonable attorney's fees to a		
15	prevailing party as well as order a civil fine of up to one thousand dollars		
16	(\$1,000) per day for a person who violates an order enjoining him or her from		
17	engaging in unlawful mass picketing.		
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