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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1014

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT AND PENALIZE THE DESECRATION OF  
9 THE UNITED STATES FLAG; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

12 TO PROHIBIT AND PENALIZE THE DESECRATION  
13 OF THE UNITED STATES FLAG.

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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 51, Subchapter 2, is amended  
20 to add an additional section to read as follows:

21 5-51-209. Desecration of United States flag.

22 (a) As used in this section:

23 (1) "Desecrates" means mutilating, defacing, physically  
24 defiling, burning, maintaining on the floor or ground, or trampling upon; and

25 (2) "United States flag" means a flag of the United States or  
26 that represents the United States, or any part of a flag of the United  
27 States, made of any substance, or of any size, in a form that is commonly  
28 displayed.

29 (b)(1) A person who knowingly desecrates a United States flag upon  
30 conviction is guilty of an unclassified misdemeanor with a penalty of not  
31 more than one (1) year's imprisonment.

32 (2) This subsection does not prohibit any conduct consisting of  
33 the disposal of a United States flag when it has become worn or soiled.

