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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN A
10 CERTIFIED PEER SUPPORT MEMBER AND AN EMERGENCY
11 RESPONDER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 CONCERNING PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS
16 BETWEEN A CERTIFIED PEER SUPPORT MEMBER
17 AND AN EMERGENCY RESPONDER.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-40-106(a)(2), concerning the definition
23 of "certified peer support member" in the context of privileged
24 communications made to a certified peer support member by an emergency
25 responder, is amended to read as follows:

26 (2) "Certified peer support member" means ~~a law enforcement~~
27 ~~officer, firefighter, or emergency medical technician of an emergency service~~
28 ~~agency or entity~~ an individual who has received approved training certified
29 by the Arkansas Crisis Response Team, the Arkansas Commission on Law
30 Enforcement Standards and Training, or the Arkansas Fire Protection Services
31 Board in critical incident stress management and who is qualified to provide
32 emotional or moral support to an emergency responder who needs emotional or
33 moral support as a result of job-related stress or of an incident in which
34 the emergency responder was involved while acting in his or her official
35 capacity; and
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