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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1141

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO DEFINE THE TERM "CONSENT" REGARDING SEXUAL  
11 OFFENSES WITHIN THE ARKANSAS CRIMINAL CODE; AND FOR  
12 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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16 TO DEFINE THE TERM "CONSENT" REGARDING  
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18 CRIMINAL CODE.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-14-101, concerning definitions regarding  
24 sexual offenses under the Arkansas Criminal Code, is amended to add an  
25 additional subdivision to read as follows:

26 (16) "Consent" means a freely given, knowledgeable, and informed  
27 agreement without malicious actions or influences, including without  
28 limitation:

29 (A) Physical force;

30 (B) Coercion;

31 (C) Fear;

32 (D) Fraud;

33 (E) False identity; or

34 (F) Exploitation of a person's incapacity.  
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