1 2	State of Arkansas 94th General Assembly	A Bill		
3	Regular Session, 2023		HOUSE BILL 1808	
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5	By: Representatives Unger,	Pearce		
6	By: Senator K. Hammer			
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8	For An Act To Be Entitled			
9	AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING HUNTING AND			
10	FISHING REGULATIONS; TO MAKE VARIOUS VIOLATIONS OF			
11	WILDLIFE REGULATIONS CRIMINAL AND PUNISHABLE AS			
12	FELONIES;	AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.		
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23 24	SECTION 1 Ark	ancac Code Title 15 Chapter /3 Sub	chanter lie	
25	SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 15, Chapter 43, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:			
26		minal violation of wildlife regulation	ons nunishable as	
27	felonies.		<u> </u>	
28	·	ction, a person is guilty of a Class	D felony if he or	
29	she:			
30		e knowingly hunting wildlife in a mar	nner that creates a	
31	substantial danger of	serious physical injury to another	person, causes	
32	physical injury to a person;			
33	<u>(2) Whil</u>	e hunting wildlife with a firearm or	archery tackle,	
34	negligently shoots another person with the firearm or archery tackle and the			
35	actor is under the influence of:			
36	<u>(A)</u>	Alcohol;		

1	(B) A controlled substance; or		
2	(C) A combination of alcohol or a controlled substance;		
3	(3) Purchases, sells, offers for sale, barters, or trades any		
4	species of wildlife or a portion of wildlife:		
5	(A) That is taken out of season;		
6	(B) That is over the bag limit; or		
7	(C) When the aggregate value of the wildlife or portion of		
8	the wildlife is five hundred dollars (\$500) or more;		
9	(4) Imports, exports, transports, sells, purchases, hunts,		
10	harasses, takes, or attempts to take any bald or golden eagle;		
11	(5) Imports, exports, transports, sells, purchases, hunts,		
12	harasses, takes, or attempts to take any part, nest, or egg of a bald or		
13	golden eagle;		
14	(6) Violates the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, 16 U.S.C		
15	§ 668 - 668d, as it existed on January 1, 2023;		
16	(7) Exploits wildlife within five (5) years of a second or		
17	subsequent conviction for any of the following:		
18	(A) Hunting or taking big game during the nighttime;		
19	(B) Hunting during a closed season;		
20	(C) Hunting without a license; or		
21	(D) Hunting at night while using sound-suppressor,		
22	infrared, thermal, laser-optical, or night-vision equipment; or		
23	(8) Exploits wildlife through a violation of any wildlife		
24	regulation after having been convicted previously of seven (7) or more		
25	wildlife regulation violations within a period of five (5) years.		
26	(b) The Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission has exclusive		
27	authority to enforce this section.		
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