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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1819

5 By: Representative C. Cooper
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING DISORDERLY
9 CONDUCT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

11 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING DISORDERLY
12 CONDUCT.
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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 § 5-71-207(a), concerning actions that
20 constitute the offense of disorderly conduct, is amended to add a new
21 subdivision to read as follows:

22 (a) A person commits the offense of disorderly conduct if, with the
23 purpose to cause public inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm or recklessly
24 creating a risk of public inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm, he or she:

25 (1) Engages in fighting or in violent, threatening, or
26 tumultuous behavior;

27 (2) Makes unreasonable or excessive noise;

28 (3) In a public place, uses abusive or obscene language, or
29 makes an obscene gesture, in a manner likely to provoke a violent or
30 disorderly response;

31 (4) Disrupts or disturbs any lawful assembly or meeting of
32 persons;

33 (5) Obstructs vehicular or pedestrian traffic;

34 (6) Congregates with two (2) or more other persons in a public
35 place and refuses to comply with a lawful order to disperse of a law
36 enforcement officer or other person engaged in enforcing or executing the



1 law;

2 (7) Creates a hazardous or physically offensive condition;

3 (8) In a public place, mars, defiles, desecrates, or otherwise
4 damages a patriotic or religious symbol that is an object of respect by the
5 public or a substantial segment of the public; ~~or~~

6 (9) In a public place, exposes his or her private parts; or

7 (10) In a public place, acts in a manner that violates community
8 or state standards of public decency and appeals to a prurient interest.

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