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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1819

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

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

Subtitle

14 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING DISORDERLY
15 CONDUCT.

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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-71-207(a), concerning actions that
21 constitute the offense of disorderly conduct, is amended to add a new
22 subdivision to read as follows:

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

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

28 (2) Makes unreasonable or excessive noise;

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

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

34 (5) Obstructs vehicular or pedestrian traffic;

35 (6) Congregates with two (2) or more other persons in a public
36 place and refuses to comply with a lawful order to disperse of a law



1 enforcement officer or other person engaged in enforcing or executing the
2 law;

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

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

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

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

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