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A Bill

SENATE BILL 7

5 By: Senator B. King
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO ADD THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF PRESCRIPTION
9 DRUG HARM OR HOMICIDE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

11 TO ADD THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF
12 PRESCRIPTION DRUG HARM OR HOMICIDE.
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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 Title 5, Chapter 63, Subchapter 2, is amended
20 to add an additional section to read as follows:

21 5-63-206. Prescription drug harm or homicide.

22 (a) As used in this section:

23 (1) "Executive officer" means a president, chair of an executive
24 committee, chief financial officer, or other individual with managerial
25 authority who performs similar functions to a president, chair of an
26 executive committee, or chief financial officer; and

27 (2) "Uses" means ingests, inhales, injects, or otherwise
28 introduces into the body.

29 (b) A person commits prescription drug harm or homicide if:

30 (1) The person is an executive officer for a pharmaceutical
31 company and is eighteen (18) years of age or older;

32 (2) The person introduces into the market a prescription drug
33 produced by the pharmaceutical company;

34 (3) The person knowingly hides, conceals, omits, or otherwise
35 withholds evidence, documentation, or information that the prescription drug
36 has dangerous effects;



1 (4) Another person is prescribed the prescription drug and in
2 this state uses the prescription drug; and

3 (5) The use of the prescription drug causes the death of or
4 serious physical injury to the other person.

5 (c) Prescription drug harm or homicide is an unclassified felony with
6 a sentence of imprisonment of not less than one (1) year and not more than
7 life.

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