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## A Bill

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SENATE BILL 431

By: Senators J. Bryant, Hester

By: Representative R. Scott Richardson

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING ACT OF 2013; TO  
ELIMINATE THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR PROSECUTION  
OF CERTAIN HUMAN TRAFFICKING RELATED CRIMINAL  
OFFENSES; TO CREATE SAFE HARBORS FOR MINORS FROM SEX  
OFFENSES AND OTHER CRIMES THAT RESULT FROM HUMAN  
TRAFFICKING; TO PROHIBIT THE MANUFACTURE,  
DISTRIBUTION, SALE, AND POSSESSION OF CHILD SEX  
DOLLS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING ACT OF  
2013; TO ELIMINATE THE STATUTE OF  
LIMITATIONS FOR CERTAIN OFFENSES; TO  
CREATE SAFE HARBORS FOR VICTIMS; AND TO  
PROHIBIT CERTAIN SEXUALLY EXPLICIT  
PRODUCTS THAT RESEMBLE A CHILD.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-1-109(a)(1), concerning offenses for  
which prosecution may be commenced at any time, is amended to add additional  
subdivisions to read as follows:

(O) Sexual extortion, § 5-14-113, if the victim was a  
minor at the time of the offense;

(P) Trafficking of persons, § 5-18-103;

(Q) Patronizing a victim of human trafficking, § 5-18-104;

(R) Grooming a minor for future sex trafficking, § 5-18-



1 106; and

2 (S) Traveling for the purpose of an unlawful sex act with  
3 a minor, § 5-18-107.

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5 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-2-210 is amended to read as follows:

6 5-2-210. Human trafficking – Affirmative defense.

7 (a) As used in this section, "victim of trafficking of persons" means  
8 a person who has been subjected to trafficking of persons, § 5-18-103.

9 (b) It is an affirmative defense to a prosecution for an offense  
10 listed under subsection (c) of this section if at the time a person engaged  
11 in the conduct charged to constitute the offense the person ~~was~~:

12 (1) A ~~Was a~~ victim of trafficking of persons, § 5-18-103; and

13 (2) Engaged in the offense as a result of the trafficking of  
14 persons, § 5-18-103.

15 (c) The affirmative defense under ~~this section~~ subsection (b) of this  
16 section may be raised only in a prosecution for one (1) or more of the  
17 following offenses:

18 (1) Forgery, § 5-37-201;

19 (2) Defrauding a prospective adoptive parent, § 5-37-216;

20 (3) A prostitution offense under § 5-70-101 et seq.;

21 (4) Obscene performance at a live public show, § 5-68-305; or

22 (5) A controlled substance offense under § 5-64-401 et seq. that  
23 is not a Class Y felony.

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25 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Title 5, Chapter 27, Subchapter 3, is amended  
26 to add an additional section to read as follows:

27 5-27-308. Possession, manufacture, transport, or distribution of child  
28 sex doll.

29 (a) As used in this section, "child sex doll" means an anatomically  
30 correct or anatomically precise doll, mannequin, or robot that may consist of  
31 an entire body, or may consist of only a pelvis or any other body part, with  
32 features of, or with features that resemble, those of a minor intended for  
33 use in sexual acts.

34 (b) It is unlawful for a person to knowingly:

35 (1) Possess a child sex doll;

36 (2) Transport a child sex doll into the state;

- 1           (3) Distribute a child sex doll; or  
2           (4) Manufacture a child sex doll.  
3       (c) A violation of this section is:  
4           (1) A Class D felony under subdivision (b)(1) of this section;  
5           (2) A Class C felony under subdivision (b)(2) or (b)(3) of this  
6 section; or  
7           (3) A Class B felony under subdivision (b)(4) of this section.

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