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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1535

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN ENHANCED SENTENCE FOR PERSONS  
10 CONVICTED OF RAPE OF A CHILD TWELVE YEARS OF AGE OR  
11 YOUNGER; TO PERMIT CHEMICAL CASTRATION BY  
12 MEDROXYPROGESTERONE ACETATE TREATMENT FOR PERSONS  
13 CONVICTED OF RAPE OF A CHILD TWELVE YEARS OF AGE OR  
14 YOUNGER; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO  
15 ADMINISTER MEDROXYPROGESTERONE ACETATE TREATMENT FOR  
16 CERTAIN PERSONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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19 TO PROVIDE AN ENHANCED SENTENCE FOR  
20 PERSONS CONVICTED OF RAPE OF A CHILD  
21 TWELVE YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER; TO  
22 PERMIT THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO  
23 ADMINISTER MEDROXYPROGESTERONE ACETATE  
24 TREATMENT FOR CHEMICAL CASTRATION.  
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27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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29 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Chapter 4, Subchapter 7, is amended  
30 to add an additional section to read as follows:

31 5-4-708. Enhanced sentence of chemical castration for certain sex  
32 offenders.

33 (a) Subject to subsection (b) of this section, a person who commits  
34 rape, § 5-14-103, upon conviction is subject to an enhanced sentence of  
35 chemical castration by medroxyprogesterone acetate treatment to be  
36 administered by the Department of Corrections by a licensed physician if the



1 victim of the offense was twelve (12) years of age or younger.

2 (b)(1) An order of a court sentencing a defendant to  
3 medroxyprogesterone acetate treatment under this section is contingent upon a  
4 determination by a medical expert appointed by the court that the defendant  
5 is an appropriate candidate for medroxyprogesterone acetate treatment.

6 (2) The determination of a medical expert under subdivision  
7 (b)(1) of this section shall be made no later than sixty (60) days from the  
8 imposition of sentence.

9 (3) An order of the court sentencing a defendant to  
10 medroxyprogesterone acetate treatment under this section shall specify the  
11 duration of medroxyprogesterone acetate treatment for a specific term of  
12 years, or in the discretion of the court, up to the life of the defendant.

13 (c)(1) The department shall provide the services necessary to  
14 administer and monitor medroxyprogesterone acetate treatment under this  
15 section.

16 (2) If a defendant subject to this section is sentenced to  
17 imprisonment or confinement in an institution, the medroxyprogesterone  
18 acetate treatment under this section shall commence not later than one (1)  
19 week before the defendant's release from prison or the institution.

20 (3) Medroxyprogesterone acetate treatment shall not be performed  
21 under this section if medroxyprogesterone acetate treatment is not medically  
22 appropriate.

23 (4) Instead of medroxyprogesterone acetate treatment under this  
24 section, the court may order the defendant to undergo physical castration if  
25 the defendant files a written motion with the court stating that the  
26 defendant intelligently and knowingly gives the defendant's voluntary consent  
27 to physical castration as an alternative to the medroxyprogesterone acetate  
28 treatment.

29 (d) If a defendant is sentenced to medroxyprogesterone acetate  
30 treatment under this section and knowingly fails to appear for  
31 medroxyprogesterone acetate treatment or knowingly refuses to allow  
32 medroxyprogesterone acetate treatment, upon conviction the defendant is  
33 guilty of a Class Y felony.

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