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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1763

By: Representative Underwood
By: Senator J. Bryant

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING ACT OF 2013; TO
CREATE THE OFFENSE OF UNLAWFUL USE OF A COMMUNICATION
DEVICE DURING THE COMMISSION OF A HUMAN TRAFFICKING
OFFENSE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING ACT OF
2013; AND TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF
UNLAWFUL USE OF A COMMUNICATION DEVICE
DURING THE COMMISSION OF A HUMAN
TRAFFICKING OFFENSE.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Chapter 18, Subchapter 1, is amended
to add an additional section to read as follows:

5-18-108. Unlawful use of a communication device during the commission
of a human trafficking offense.

(a)(1) As used in this section, "communication device" means any
public or private instrumentality used or useful in the transmission of a
writing, sign, signal, picture, or sound of any kind.

(2) "Communication device" includes without limitation mail,
telephone, wire, radio, and any other means of communication.

(b) A person commits the offense of unlawful use of a communication
device during the commission of a human trafficking offense if he or she
knowingly uses any communication device in committing or in causing or
facilitating the commission of any act constituting a:



1 (1) Felony under this chapter; or

2 (2) Felony attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy to commit an
3 offense under this chapter.

4 (c) Each use of a communication device is a separate offense under
5 this section.

6 (d) Unlawful use of a communication device during the commission of a
7 human trafficking offense is a Class C felony.

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