Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law. Act 765 of the Regular Session

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3	Regular Session, 2025 SENATE BILL 53))
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5	By: Senator J. Scott	
6	By: Representatives Gazaway, Hudson	
7 8	For An Act To Be Entitled	
9	AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE OFFENSE OF	
10	VIDEO VOYEURISM; TO EXTEND THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS	
11	FOR THE OFFENSE OF VIDEO VOYEURISM; TO MAKE AN ORDER	
12	OF PROTECTION AVAILABLE TO A VICTIM OF VIDEO	
13	VOYEURISM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.	
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19	STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR THE OFFENSE	
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22	VIDEO VOYEURISM.	
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24	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:	
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26	SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-1-109(c), concerning the exceptions to	
27	the statute of limitations that applies to each classification of criminal	
28	offense, is amended to read as follows:	
29	(c) If the period prescribed in subsection (b) of this section has	
30	expired, a prosecution may nevertheless be commenced for:	
31	(1) Any offense involving either fraud or breach of a fiduciary	
32	obligation, within one (1) year after the offense is discovered or should	
33	reasonably have been discovered by an aggrieved party or by a person who has	
34	a legal duty to represent an aggrieved party and who is himself or herself	
35	not a party to the offense; and	
36	(2)(A) Any offense that is concealed involving felonious conduc	t

1	in office by a public servant at any time within five (5) years after he or
2	she leaves public office or employment or within five (5) years after the
3	offense is discovered or should reasonably have been discovered, whichever is
4	sooner.
5	(B) However, in no event does this subdivision (c)(2)
6	extend the period of limitation by more than ten (10) years after the
7	commission of the offense; and
8	(3) The offense of video voyeurism, § 5-16-101, at any time
9	within one (1) year after the offense is discovered or should reasonably have
10	been discovered by the victim of the video voyeurism.
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12	SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-16-101, concerning the criminal offense
13	of video voyeurism, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as
14	follows:
15	(e) It is not a defense to prosecution under this section that the
16	person who violates subsection (a) or (b) of this section was in a romantic
17	relationship with the other person who was secretly observed, viewed,
18	photographed, filmed, or videotaped.
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20	SECTION 3. Arkansas Code $\S 9-15-103(4)$, concerning the definition of
21	"domestic abuse" with respect to orders of protection, is amended to read as
22	follows:
23	(4) "Domestic abuse" means:
24	(A) Physical harm, bodily injury, assault, or the
25	infliction of fear of imminent physical harm, bodily injury, or assault
26	between family or household members; or
27	(B) Any sexual conduct between family or household
28	members, whether minors or adults, that constitutes a crime under the laws of
29	this state; or
30	(C) An act of secretly observing, viewing, photographing,
31	filming, or videotaping another person that constitutes the criminal offense
32	of video voyeurism under § 5-16-101;
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35	APPROVED: 4/17/25
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