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## A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1437

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### For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT A PERSON REQUIRED TO REGISTER AS A  
11 SEX OFFENDER FROM ENTERING A WATER PARK, SWIMMING  
12 AREA, OR CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND OF A PUBLIC PARK; AND  
13 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

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16 TO PROHIBIT A PERSON REQUIRED TO  
17 REGISTER AS A SEX OFFENDER FROM ENTERING  
18 A WATER PARK, SWIMMING AREA, OR  
19 CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND OF A PUBLIC PARK.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-14-133 is repealed.

25 ~~5-14-133. Registered offender prohibited from entering a water park~~  
26 ~~owned or operated by a local government.~~

27 ~~(a) As used in this section, "water park" means a recreational aquatic~~  
28 ~~facility that has among its features a swimming pool, wave pool, splash pad,~~  
29 ~~water slide, or other area dedicated to aquatic activities for children and~~  
30 ~~is open to the general public.~~

31 ~~(b) It is unlawful for a person who is required to register under the~~  
32 ~~Sex Offender Registration Act of 1997, § 12-12-901 et seq., and who has been~~  
33 ~~assessed as a Level 3 or Level 4 offender to knowingly enter a water park~~  
34 ~~owned or operated by a local government.~~

35 ~~(c) A violation of this section is a Class D felony.~~  
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1 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-14-134 is amended to read as follows:

2 5-14-134. Registered offender prohibited from entering a water park,  
3 swimming area, or children's playground contained within ~~an Arkansas State~~  
4 ~~Park~~ a public park.

5 (a) As used in this section:

6 (1) ~~“Arkansas State Park” means a state park classified or~~  
7 ~~reclassified as an official state park under § 22-4-201(1) or § 22-4-202;~~

8 ~~(2)~~ “Children's playground” means a place with a specific design  
9 for children to be able to play there, whether indoor or outdoor; ~~and~~

10 (2)(A) “Public park” means any property owned or maintained by  
11 this state or a county, city, town, or political subdivision in this state  
12 for the recreational use of the public.

13 (B) “Public park” includes without limitation the portion  
14 of any privately owned land over which an easement has been granted to the  
15 state or a county, city, town, or political subdivision and that is used as  
16 part of the public park system of the state or a county, city, or town;

17 (3) “Swimming area” means a place with a specific design for  
18 people to swim, including without limitation a beach, a swimming pool, and a  
19 ~~water park;~~ and

20 (4) “Water park” means a recreational aquatic facility that has  
21 among its features a swimming pool, wave pool, splash pad, water slide, or  
22 other area dedicated to aquatic activities for children and is open to the  
23 general public.

24 (b) It is unlawful for a person who is required to register under the  
25 Sex Offender Registration Act of 1997, § 12-12-901 et seq., and who has been  
26 assessed as a Level 3 or Level 4 offender to knowingly enter a within one  
27 hundred feet (100') of a water park, swimming area, or children's playground  
28 contained within ~~an Arkansas State Park~~ a public park.

29 (c) A violation of this section is a Class D felony.  
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32 **APPROVED: 2/25/25**  
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