

Hall of the House of Representatives
95th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2025
Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill 1630

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CAPITAL MURDER; AND TO INCLUDE A
MISDEMEANOR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE OFFENSE TO THE PREDICATE OFFENSES
FOR CAPITAL MURDER.

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1630

Amend House Bill 1630 as originally introduced:

Delete the title in its entirety, and substitute the following:

"AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CAPITAL MURDER, MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE, AND MANSLAUGHTER; TO ADD A MISDEMEANOR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE OFFENSE TO THE PREDICATE OFFENSES FOR CAPITAL MURDER, MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE, AND MANSLAUGHTER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety, and substitute the following:

"TO ADD A MISDEMEANOR CONTROLLED
SUBSTANCE OFFENSE TO THE PREDICATE
OFFENSES FOR CAPITAL MURDER, MURDER IN
THE FIRST DEGREE, AND MANSLAUGHTER."

AND

Immediately following SECTION 1, add additional sections to read as follows:

"SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-10-102(a)(1), concerning predicate felonies for murder in the first degree, is amended to read as follows:

(1) Acting alone or with one (1) or more other persons:

(A) The person commits or attempts to commit a felony or a violation of the Uniform Controlled Substance Act, §§ 5-64-101 – 5-64-508,



involving an actual delivery of a controlled substance; and

(B) In the course of and in the furtherance of the ~~felony~~ offense or in immediate flight from the ~~felony~~ offense, the person or an accomplice causes the death of any person under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life;

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 5-10-104(a)(4), concerning the predicate felonies for manslaughter, is amended to read as follows:

(4) Acting alone or with one (1) or more persons:

(A) The person commits or attempts to commit a felony or a violation of the Uniform Controlled Substance Act, §§ 5-64-101 – 5-64-508, involving an actual delivery of a controlled substance; and

(B) In the course of and in furtherance of the ~~felony~~ offense or in immediate flight from the felony:

(i) The person or an accomplice negligently causes the death of any person; or

(ii) Another person who is resisting the ~~felony~~ offense or flight causes the death of any person."

The Amendment was read _____
By: Representative Gazaway
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