

1 State of Arkansas  
2 95th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2025

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1655

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5 By: Representative Long  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF HUMAN SMUGGLING; TO  
10 CREATE THE OFFENSE OF HARBORING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS;  
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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18 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5 is amended to add an additional chapter to  
23 read as follows:

### CHAPTER 80 – IMMIGRATION

#### 5-80-101. Human smuggling.

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26 (a) A person commits the offense of human smuggling if he or she  
27 knowingly transports into the state an individual whom the person knows, or  
28 reasonably should know, has entered the United States in violation of law and  
29 has not been inspected by the United States Government since his or her  
30 unlawful entry from another country.

31 (b) A person commits a separate offense for each individual he or she  
32 transports into this state in violation of this section.

#### (c) Human smuggling is a:

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34 (1) Class D felony for a first offense; and

35 (2) Class C felony for a second or subsequent offense.  
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1           5-80-102. Harboring illegal immigrants.

2           (a) A person commits the offense of harboring illegal immigrants if he  
3 or she knowingly conceals, harbors, or shields from detection an individual  
4 whom the person knows, or reasonably should know, has entered the United  
5 States in violation of law and has not been inspected by the United States  
6 Government since his or her unlawful entry from another country.

7           (b) A person commits a separate offense for each individual he or she  
8 harbors in violation of this section.

9           (c) Harboring illegal immigrants is a:

10           (1) Class D felony for a first offense; and

11           (2) Class C felony for a second or subsequent offense.

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