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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1763

5 By: Representative Underwood
6 By: Senator J. Bryant
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

15 TO AMEND THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING ACT OF
16 2013; AND TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF
17 UNLAWFUL USE OF A COMMUNICATION DEVICE
18 DURING THE COMMISSION OF A HUMAN
19 TRAFFICKING OFFENSE.
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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 Title 5, Chapter 18, Subchapter 1, is amended
25 to add an additional section to read as follows:

26 5-18-108. Unlawful use of a communication device during the commission
27 of a human trafficking offense.

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

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

33 (b) A person commits the offense of unlawful use of a communication
34 device during the commission of a human trafficking offense if he or she
35 knowingly uses any communication device in committing or in causing or
36 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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