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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1496

5 By: Representatives Hawk, Evans, Jean, *McCullough*  
6 By: Senator Crowell  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ABUSE OF AN  
10 ATHLETIC CONTEST OFFICIAL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

14 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ABUSE OF AN  
15 ATHLETIC CONTEST OFFICIAL.  
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-13-209 is amended to read as follows:

21 5-13-209. Abuse of athletic contest officials.

22 (a) A person commits abuse of an athletic official if, ~~with the~~  
23 ~~purpose of causing physical injury to another person, the person strikes or~~  
24 ~~otherwise physically abuses an athletic contest official~~ immediately prior  
25 to, during, or immediately following an interscholastic, intercollegiate, or  
26 any other organized amateur or professional athletic contest in which ~~the~~ an  
27 athletic contest official is participating, the person:

28 (1) With the purpose of causing serious physical injury to an  
29 athletic contest official, causes serious physical injury to an athletic  
30 contest official;

31 (2) With the purpose of causing physical injury to an athletic  
32 contest official, causes serious physical injury to an athletic contest  
33 official;

34 (3) With the purpose of causing physical injury to an athletic  
35 contest official, causes physical injury to an athletic contest official; or

36 (4) Purposely creates apprehension of imminent physical injury



1 in an athletic contest official.

2 (b) Abuse of an athletic contest official is a:

3 1) Class A ~~misdemeanor~~, B felony under subdivision (a)(1) of  
4 this section;

5 (2) Class C felony under subdivision (a)(2) of this section;

6 (3) Class A misdemeanor under subdivision (a)(3) of this section  
7 with a minimum fine of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500); and

8 (4) Class A misdemeanor under subdivision (a)(4) of this  
9 section.

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Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1521

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

8 AN ACT TO CREATE THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF DISARMING AN  
9 OFFICER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

10 TO CREATE THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF  
11 DISARMING AN OFFICER.  
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13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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15 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Chapter 54, Subchapter 1, is amended  
16 to add an additional section to read as follows:

17 5-54-134. Disarming an officer.

18 (a) As used in this section "taser stun gun" means the same as defined  
19 in § 5-73-133.

20 (b) A person commits disarming an officer if, with the purpose of  
21 causing physical injury to the law enforcement officer or another person, the  
22 person purposely uses physical force to take from a law enforcement officer,  
23 the law enforcement officer's:

24 (1) Firearm;

25 (2) Nightstick;

26 (3) Taser stun gun;

27 (4) Personal protection chemical dispensing device; or

28 (5) Any other protective gear or weapon carried by the law  
29 enforcement officer that could be used to cause physical injury to another  
30 person.

31 (c) The actor is presumed to have had a conscious object to engage in  
32 conduct or cause a result with respect to a law enforcement officer if the  
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1 law enforcement officer:

2 (1) Was wearing a distinctive uniform or badge indicating his or  
3 her status as a law enforcement officer; or

4 (2) Identified himself or herself to the actor as a law  
5 enforcement officer.

6 (d) Disarming an officer is a Class C felony.

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1561

5 By: Representative C. Fite  
6 By: Senator J. English  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE PENALTIES FOR  
10 MOVING VIOLATIONS IN HIGHWAY WORK ZONES; TO CREATE  
11 ADDITIONAL PENALTIES FOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS RESULTING  
12 IN INJURY OR DEATH OF CONSTRUCTION PERSONNEL; AND FOR  
13 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

16 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE PENALTIES  
17 FOR MOVING VIOLATIONS IN HIGHWAY WORK  
18 ZONES; AND TO CREATE ADDITIONAL PENALTIES  
19 FOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS RESULTING IN  
20 INJURY OR DEATH OF CONSTRUCTION  
21 PERSONNEL.  
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 27, Chapter 50, Subchapter 4, is  
28 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

29 27-50-409. Injury to construction personnel - Penalties - Definitions.

30 (a) As used in this section:

31 (1) "Construction personnel" means an employee of the Arkansas  
32 Department of Transportation or the counties or municipalities of this state  
33 or a contractor of the State Highway Commission or the counties or  
34 municipalities of this state; and

35 (2) "Highway work zone" means the area upon or adjacent to any  
36 highway, road, or street of this state where construction, reconstruction,



1 maintenance, or any other type of work is being performed by a construction  
2 personnel.

3 (b) A person who commits a moving traffic violation while the person  
4 is driving through a highway work zone in this state upon conviction is  
5 guilty of a:

6 (1) Class A misdemeanor, in the event the moving traffic  
7 violation results in physical injury to a member of construction personnel;  
8 and

9 (2) Class C felony, in the event the moving traffic violation  
10 results in the death of a member of construction personnel.

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