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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1514

By: Representatives E. Armstrong, Shepherd

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF IMPROPER USE OF OR
ALTERING THE STATE SEAL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF IMPROPER USE OF
OR ALTERING THE STATE SEAL.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Chapter 54, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

5-54-133. Improper use of or altering the state seal.

(a) As used in this section, "state seal" means the Seal of the State of Arkansas described in § 1-4-108(a).

(b) A person commits improper use of or altering the state seal if the person knowingly uses the state seal or an altered version of the state seal in a private, nongovernmental written communication to another person with the purpose to injure, defraud, harass, intimidate, or coerce the other person, and the actor:

(1) Assumes a false identity;

(2) Pretends to be a representative of a state or local agency;

(3) Pretends to be an officer or employee of the government; or

(4) Attempts to collect a debt the actor contends is owed to the actor or another person or organization.

(c) Improper use of or altering the state seal is a Class A misdemeanor.

(d) A prosecution under this section does not preclude a prosecution



or civil action under § 4-88-101 et seq.

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