

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.  
Act 1053 of the Regular Session

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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1839

By: Representative L. Johnson

**For An Act To Be Entitled**

*AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE PREPAID MOBILE DEVICE  
PROTECTION ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

**Subtitle**

*TO ESTABLISH THE PREPAID MOBILE DEVICE  
PROTECTION ACT.*

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 4 is amended to add an additional chapter to read as follows:

CHAPTER 118

PREPAID MOBILE DEVICE PROTECTION ACT

4-118-101. Title.

This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Prepaid Mobile Device Protection Act".

4-118-102. Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

(1) "Minor" means an individual under eighteen (18) years of age;

(2)(A) "Person" means an individual who is not related to a minor.

(B) "Person" does not mean a parent or grandparent, including without limitation a biological parent, adoptive parent, stepparent, fictive kin, legal guardian, temporary guardian, or other legal



custodian of a minor;

(3) "Prepaid mobile device" means a cellular telephone or other communication device for which the mobile device user purchases a set allotment of wireless communication services; and

(4) "Wireless communication services" means any mobile service that is provided for profit and makes interconnected service available to the public.

4-118-103. Prepaid mobile device.

It is unlawful for a person:

(1) To purchase a prepaid mobile device or refill a prepaid mobile device with wireless communication services on a previously purchased prepaid mobile device for a minor in this state; or

(2) To provide funds to a minor for the purpose of purchasing a prepaid mobile device or refilling a prepaid mobile device with wireless communication services on a previously purchased prepaid mobile device in this state.

4-118-104. Penalty.

A person that violates this chapter or who knowingly purchases a prepaid mobile device or wireless communication services for a minor or provides funds to a minor for the purpose of purchasing a prepaid mobile device or refilling a prepaid mobile device with wireless communication services on a previously purchased prepaid mobile device shall be guilty of a violation and upon conviction shall be fined no less than one hundred dollars (\$100).

/s/L. Johnson

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