

State of Arkansas
92nd General Assembly
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1550

By: Representative Maddox

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE OFFENSE OF ABSCONDING; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONCERNING THE OFFENSE OF ABSCONDING.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-54-131 is amended to read as follows:
5-54-131. Absconding.

(a) A person commits the offense of absconding if the person
knowingly:

(1) Leaves a designated residence while under house arrest
ordered as a condition of the person's release on a criminal offense by a
court of competent jurisdiction; ~~or~~

(2) Leaves a designated area while wearing an electronic
monitoring device ordered as a condition of the person's release on a
criminal offense by a:

(A) Court of competent jurisdiction; or

(B)(i) Sheriff or his or her designee.

(ii) A determination by a sheriff or his or her
designee placing a person on electronic monitoring remains valid until
changed by the sheriff or his or her designee; or

(3) Fails to abide by the terms of his or her sentence or
conditions imposed under § 16-90-122 concerning his or her release pending
bed space at the Department of Correction or Department of Community
Correction by not reporting to a designated place or at a designated time in



order to submit himself or herself to the custody of the Department of Correction or the Department of Community Correction to serve a period of incarceration he or she was previously ordered by a court to serve.

(b) The offense of absconding is a Class D felony.

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