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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1634

By: Representatives Petty, *Scott*

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO INCLUDE ACTS COMMITTED BY A VICTIM OF HUMAN
TRAFFICKING UNDER THE STATE'S RAPE SHIELD LAW; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO INCLUDE ACTS COMMITTED BY A VICTIM OF
HUMAN TRAFFICKING UNDER THE STATE'S RAPE
SHIELD LAW.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-42-101(b), concerning the rape shield statute, is amended to read as follows:

(b) In ~~any~~ a criminal prosecution under § 5-14-101 et seq., the Human Trafficking Act of 2013, § 5-18-101 et seq., or § 5-26-202, or for criminal attempt to commit, criminal solicitation to commit, or criminal conspiracy to commit an offense defined in any of those sections, opinion evidence, reputation evidence, or evidence of specific instances of the victim's prior sexual conduct with the defendant or any other person, evidence of a victim's prior allegations of sexual conduct with the defendant or any other person, evidence of a person's prior sexual conduct when the person was a victim of human trafficking, which allegations the victim asserts to be true, or evidence offered by the defendant concerning prior allegations of sexual conduct by the victim with the defendant or any other person if the victim denies making the allegations is not admissible by the defendant, either through direct examination of any defense witness or through cross-examination of the victim or other prosecution witness, to attack the



credibility of the victim, to prove consent or any other defense, or for any other purpose.

/s/Petty

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