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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REDUCE THE SENTENCE CLASSIFICATIONS FOR
CERTAIN OFFENSES FROM A FELONY TO A MISDEMEANOR; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REDUCE THE SENTENCE CLASSIFICATIONS
FOR CERTAIN OFFENSES FROM A FELONY TO A
MISDEMEANOR.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-27-502 is amended to read as follows:

5-27-502. Manufacturing or altering personal identification document
unlawful.

(a) It is unlawful for a person to:

(1) Manufacture or produce a fraudulent personal identification
document for the purpose of providing a person under twenty-one (21) years of
age identification that can be used for the purpose of purchasing an
alcoholic beverage or other substance or material restricted for adult
purchase or possession in accordance with existing law;

(2) Alter a personal identification document for the purpose of
providing a person under twenty-one (21) years of age false identification
that can be used for the purpose of purchasing an alcoholic beverage or other
substance or material restricted for adult purchase or possession in
accordance with existing law; or

(3) Sell or otherwise distribute a fraudulent personal



identification document described in this subsection to a person under twenty-one (21) years of age.

(b)(1)(A) ~~A person who violates this section is deemed guilty of violation of this section is~~ a Class C felony.

(B) However, if the person manufactures or produces his or her own personal identification document, or alters his or her own personal identification document, for his or her own use in obtaining alcohol or accessing a venue in which alcohol is sold, a violation of this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

(2) A subsequent violation of this section is a Class B felony.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-14-307 is amended to read as follows:

27-14-307. False evidences of title or registration.

It is a felony for ~~any~~ a person to commit any of the following acts:

(1) To alter, with fraudulent ~~intent~~ purpose, any certificate of title, registration certificate, registration plate, manufacturer's certificate of origin, or permit issued by the Office of Motor Vehicle;

(2) To forge or counterfeit any such document or plate purporting to have been issued by the office or by the manufacturer; or

(3) To alter or falsify, with ~~intent~~ purpose to defraud or mislead, or with ~~intent~~ purpose to evade the registration laws, any assignment upon a certificate of title or upon a manufacturer's certificate of origin;

~~(4) To hold or use any such document or plate knowing it to have been so altered, forged, or falsified.~~

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