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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1506

By: Representative Shepherd

By: Senator T. Garner

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF A HOAX BOMB; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

PROHIBITING THE USE OF A HOAX BOMB.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-54-201, concerning definitions used in regard to terrorism offenses, is amended to add additional subdivisions to read as follows:

(16) "Explosive or incendiary device" means the same as defined in § 5-71-301; and

(17) "Hoax bomb" means a device designed to look like an explosive or incendiary device.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-54-209 is amended to read as follows:

5-54-209. Use of a hoax substance or hoax bomb.

(a) A person commits the offense of use of a hoax substance or hoax bomb if the person knowingly delivers or causes the delivery of a hoax substance or hoax bomb to a governmental facility, school, business, hospital, office building, or similar facility open to the public, or to a person's home, business, or place of work with the purpose of causing anxiety, unrest, fear, personal discomfort, or the evacuation of the facility.

(b) Use of a hoax substance or hoax bomb is a Class D C felony.



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