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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1204

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN A  
CERTIFIED PEER SUPPORT MEMBER AND AN EMERGENCY  
RESPONDER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

CONCERNING PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS  
BETWEEN A CERTIFIED PEER SUPPORT MEMBER  
AND AN EMERGENCY RESPONDER.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-40-106(a)(2), concerning the definition of "certified peer support member" in the context of privileged communications made to a certified peer support member by an emergency responder, is amended to read as follows:

(2) "Certified peer support member" means ~~a law enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency medical technician of an emergency service agency or entity~~ an individual who has received approved training certified by the Arkansas Crisis Response Team, the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training, or the Arkansas Fire Protection Services Board in critical incident stress management and who is qualified to provide emotional or moral support to an emergency responder who needs emotional or moral support as a result of job-related stress or of an incident in which the emergency responder was involved while acting in his or her official capacity; and

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