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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1587

By: Representative Gazaway

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING HABITUAL OFFENDERS; REQUIRING A PERSON CONVICTED AS A HABITUAL OFFENDER TO SERVE A PERIOD OF TIME IN PRISON; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONCERNING HABITUAL OFFENDERS; AND
REQUIRING A PERSON CONVICTED AS A
HABITUAL OFFENDER TO SERVE A PERIOD OF
TIME IN PRISON.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-4-501(a)(1), concerning sentencing for a habitual offender, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) A defendant meeting the following criteria may be sentenced to pay any fine authorized by law for the felony conviction and shall be sentenced to an extended term of imprisonment as set forth in subdivision (a)(2) of this section:

(A) A defendant who:

(i) Is convicted of a felony other than those enumerated in subsections (c) and (d) of this section committed after June 30, 1993; and

(ii) Has previously been convicted of more than one (1) felony but fewer than four (4) felonies or who has been found guilty of more than one (1) but fewer than four (4) felonies;

(B) A defendant who:

(i) Is convicted of any felony enumerated in



subsection (c) of this section committed after August 31, 1997; and

(ii) Has previously been convicted of more than one (1) felony but fewer than four (4) felonies not enumerated in subsection (c) of this section or who has been found guilty of more than one (1) but fewer than four (4) felonies not enumerated in subsection (c) of this section; or

(C) A defendant who:

(i) Is convicted of any felony enumerated in subsection (d) of this section committed after August 31, 1997; and

(ii) Has previously been convicted of more than one (1) felony but fewer than four (4) felonies not enumerated in subsection (d) of this section or has been found guilty of more than one (1) but fewer than four (4) felonies not enumerated in subsection (d) of this section.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-4-501(b)(1), concerning sentencing for a habitual offender, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) A defendant meeting the following criteria may be sentenced to pay any fine authorized by law for the felony conviction and shall be sentenced to an extended term of imprisonment as set forth in subdivision (b)(2) of this section:

(A) A defendant who:

(i) Is convicted of a felony other than a felony enumerated in subsections (c) and (d) of this section committed after June 30, 1993; and

(ii) Has previously been convicted of four (4) or more felonies or who has been found guilty of four (4) or more felonies;

(B) A defendant who:

(i) Is convicted of any felony enumerated in subsection (c) of this section committed after June 30, 1997; and

(ii) Has previously been convicted of four (4) or more felonies not enumerated in subsection (c) of this section or who has been found guilty of four (4) or more felonies not enumerated in subsection (c) of this section; or

(C) A defendant who:

(i) Is convicted of any felony enumerated in subsection (d) of this section committed after June 30, 1997; and

(ii) Has previously been convicted of four (4) or

more felonies not enumerated in subsection (d) of this section or who has been found guilty of four (4) or more felonies not enumerated in subsection (d) of this section.

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