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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1623

By: Representative Tosh
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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE OFFENSE
OF FLEEING BY MEANS OF A VEHICLE OR CONVEYANCE; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE
OFFENSE OF FLEEING BY MEANS OF A VEHICLE
OR CONVEYANCE.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-54-125(d), concerning fleeing by means of any vehicle or conveyance, is amended to read as follows:

(d)(1)(A) Fleeing by means of any vehicle or conveyance is considered a Class A misdemeanor.

(B) A person convicted under subdivision (d)(1)(A) of this section shall serve a minimum of two (2) days in jail.

~~(C) A person convicted under subdivision (d)(1)(A) of this section who operated the vehicle or conveyance in excess of the posted speed limit shall serve a minimum of thirty (30) days in jail.~~

(2) Fleeing by means of any vehicle or conveyance is considered a Class D felony if the person operated the vehicle or conveyance in excess of the posted speed limit.

~~(2)(3)~~ Fleeing by means of any vehicle or conveyance is considered a Class C felony if, under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life, a person purposely operates the



vehicle or conveyance in such a manner that creates a substantial danger of death or serious physical injury to another person.

~~(3)~~(4) If serious physical injury to any person occurs as a direct result of fleeing by means of any vehicle or conveyance, the fleeing by means of any vehicle or conveyance offense is a Class B felony.

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