

State of Arkansas  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1763

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By: Senator J. Bryant

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING ACT OF 2013; TO  
CREATE THE OFFENSE OF UNLAWFUL USE OF A COMMUNICATION  
DEVICE DURING THE COMMISSION OF A HUMAN TRAFFICKING  
OFFENSE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO AMEND THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING ACT OF  
2013; AND TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF  
UNLAWFUL USE OF A COMMUNICATION DEVICE  
DURING THE COMMISSION OF A HUMAN  
TRAFFICKING OFFENSE.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Chapter 18, Subchapter 1, is amended  
to add an additional section to read as follows:

5-18-108. Unlawful use of a communication device during the commission  
of a human trafficking offense.

(a)(1) As used in this section, "communication device" means any  
public or private instrumentality used or useful in the transmission of a  
writing, sign, signal, picture, or sound of any kind.

(2) "Communication device" includes without limitation mail,  
telephone, wire, radio, and any other means of communication.

(b) A person commits the offense of unlawful use of a communication  
device during the commission of a human trafficking offense if he or she  
knowingly uses any communication device in committing or in causing or  
facilitating the commission of any act constituting a:



(1) Felony under this chapter; or

(2) Felony attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy to commit an offense under this chapter.

(c) Each use of a communication device is a separate offense under this section.

(d) Unlawful use of a communication device during the commission of a human trafficking offense is a Class C felony.

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