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A Bill

SENATE BILL 555

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE OFFENSE OF VIDEO VOYEURISM; TO EXTEND THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR THE OFFENSE OF VIDEO VOYEURISM; TO MAKE AN ORDER OF PROTECTION AVAILABLE TO A VICTIM OF VIDEO VOYEURISM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE OFFENSE OF VIDEO VOYEURISM; TO EXTEND THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR THE OFFENSE OF VIDEO VOYEURISM; AND TO MAKE AN ORDER OF PROTECTION AVAILABLE TO A VICTIM OF VIDEO VOYEURISM.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-1-109(c), concerning the exceptions to the statute of limitations that applies to each classification of criminal offense, is amended to read as follows:

(c) If the period prescribed in subsection (b) of this section has expired, a prosecution may nevertheless be commenced for:

(1) Any offense involving either fraud or breach of a fiduciary obligation, within one (1) year after the offense is discovered or should reasonably have been discovered by an aggrieved party or by a person who has a legal duty to represent an aggrieved party and who is himself or herself not a party to the offense; ~~and~~

(2)(A) Any offense that is concealed involving felonious conduct



in office by a public servant at any time within five (5) years after he or she leaves public office or employment or within five (5) years after the offense is discovered or should reasonably have been discovered, whichever is sooner.

(B) However, in no event does this subdivision (c)(2) extend the period of limitation by more than ten (10) years after the commission of the offense; and

(3) The offense of video voyeurism, § 5-16-101, at any time within one (1) year after the offense is discovered or should reasonably have been discovered by the victim of the video voyeurism.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-16-101, concerning the criminal offense of video voyeurism, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(e) It is not a defense to prosecution under this section that the person who violates subsection (a) or (b) of this section was in a romantic relationship with the other person who was secretly observed, viewed, photographed, filmed, or videotaped.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 9-15-103(4), concerning the definition of "domestic abuse" with respect to orders of protection, is amended to read as follows:

(4) "Domestic abuse" means:

(A) Physical harm, bodily injury, assault, or the infliction of fear of imminent physical harm, bodily injury, or assault between family or household members; ~~or~~

(B) Any sexual conduct between family or household members, whether minors or adults, that constitutes a crime under the laws of this state; or

(C) An act of secretly observing, viewing, photographing, filming, or videotaping another person that constitutes the criminal offense of video voyeurism under § 5-16-101;

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