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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1629

By: Representative Tucker

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROTECT VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE;
PROHIBITING A PERSON CONVICTED OF MISDEMEANOR
DOMESTIC BATTERING FROM POSSESSING A FIREARM; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

*TO PROTECT VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE; AND
PROHIBITING A PERSON CONVICTED OF
MISDEMEANOR DOMESTIC BATTERING FROM
POSSESSING A FIREARM.*

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-73-103(a), concerning persons who are prohibited from possessing a firearm, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section or unless authorized by and subject to such conditions as prescribed by the Governor, or his or her designee, or the United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, or other bureau or office designated by the United States Department of Justice, ~~no~~ a person shall not possess or own any firearm who has been:

(1) Convicted of:

(A) a A felony; or

(B) A Class A misdemeanor offense of domestic battering in the third degree, § 5-26-305, or a misdemeanor offense in this state or another state that has as an element of the offense:

(i) The use or attempted use of physical force



committed against a family or household member as defined in or substantially similar to § 5-26-302; or

(ii) The threatened use of a deadly weapon committed against a family or household member as defined in or substantially similar to § 5-26-302;

- (2) Adjudicated mentally ill; or
- (3) Committed involuntarily to any mental institution.

/s/Tucker