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A Bill

SENATE BILL 569

By: Senator T. Garner

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE OFFENSE OF BATTERY IN THE THIRD DEGREE; CONCERNING BATTERY AGAINST A PREGNANT WOMAN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONCERNING THE OFFENSE OF BATTERY IN THE THIRD DEGREE; AND CONCERNING BATTERY AGAINST A PREGNANT WOMAN.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-13-203 is amended to read as follows:
5-13-203. Battery in the third degree.

(a) A person commits battery in the third degree if:

(1) With the purpose of causing physical injury to another person, the person causes physical injury to any person;

(2) The person recklessly causes physical injury to another person;

(3) The person negligently causes physical injury to another person by means of a deadly weapon; or

(4) The person purposely causes stupor, unconsciousness, or physical or mental impairment or injury to another person by administering to the other person, without the other person's consent, any drug or other substance.

(b)(1) Battery in the third degree is a Class A misdemeanor.

(2) However, battery in the third degree is a Class D felony if committed against a woman the person knew or should have known was pregnant.

