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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1542

By: Representative Bryant
By: Senator B. Ballinger

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE OFFENSE OF REFUSAL TO ASSIST A
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER; CONCERNING THE REFUSAL TO
COMPLY WITH A COURT ORDER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONCERNING THE OFFENSE OF REFUSAL TO
ASSIST A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER; AND
CONCERNING THE REFUSAL TO COMPLY WITH A
COURT ORDER.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-54-109 is amended to read as follows:
5-54-109. Refusing to assist law enforcement officer.

(a) A person commits the offense of refusing to assist a law
enforcement officer if, upon command by a person known by him or her to be a
law enforcement officer, the person unreasonably ~~refuses;~~

(1) Refuses or fails to assist in effecting a lawful arrest or
preventing another person from committing an offense; or

(2) Refuses to comply with a court order requiring the person to
assist a law enforcement officer while the law enforcement officer is
executing his or her official duties.

(b) Refusing to assist a law enforcement officer is a Class C
misdemeanor.

