

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1564

By: Representatives Unger, McCollum

By: Senator Gilmore

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING SEXUAL SOLICITATION; TO CHANGE THE CLASSIFICATION OF THE OFFENSE OF SEXUAL SOLICITATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING SEXUAL SOLICITATION; AND TO CHANGE THE CLASSIFICATION OF THE OFFENSE OF SEXUAL SOLICITATION.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-70-103(b), concerning sexual solicitation, is amended to read as follows:

(b) *Sexual solicitation is:*

~~(1) an unclassified misdemeanor with the following sentences:~~

~~(1) For for a first offense with the following sentences:~~

~~(A) No more than ninety (90) days' imprisonment;~~

~~(B) A fine of no more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000);~~

or

~~(C) Both imprisonment and a fine; and~~

~~(2) For A Class D felony for a second or subsequent offense.~~

~~(A) No more than one (1) year of imprisonment;~~

~~(B) A fine of no more than three thousand five hundred~~

~~dollars (\$3,500); or~~



~~(C) Both imprisonment and a fine.~~

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-70-103(d), concerning sexual solicitation, is amended to read as follows:

(d) In addition to any other sentence authorized by this section, a person who violates this section by offering to pay, agreeing to pay, or paying a fee to engage in sexual activity upon conviction shall be ordered to pay:

(1) a fine of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) to be deposited into the Safe Harbor Fund for Sexually Exploited Children; and

(2) An additional fine of:

(A) One thousand dollars (\$1,000) to be deposited into the Human Trafficking Victim Support Fund, if the offense is a misdemeanor; or

(B) Two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) to be deposited into the Human Trafficking Victim Support Fund, if the offense is a felony.

/s/Unger