

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1819

By: Representative C. Cooper
By: *Senator Gilmore*

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING DISORDERLY
CONDUCT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING DISORDERLY
CONDUCT.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-71-207(a), concerning actions that constitute the offense of disorderly conduct, is amended to add a new subdivision to read as follows:

(a) A person commits the offense of disorderly conduct if, with the purpose to cause public inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm or recklessly creating a risk of public inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm, he or she:

- (1) Engages in fighting or in violent, threatening, or tumultuous behavior;
- (2) Makes unreasonable or excessive noise;
- (3) In a public place, uses abusive or obscene language, or makes an obscene gesture, in a manner likely to provoke a violent or disorderly response;
- (4) Disrupts or disturbs any lawful assembly or meeting of persons;
- (5) Obstructs vehicular or pedestrian traffic;
- (6) Congregates with two (2) or more other persons in a public place and refuses to comply with a lawful order to disperse of a law



enforcement officer or other person engaged in enforcing or executing the law;

(7) Creates a hazardous or physically offensive condition;

(8) In a public place, mars, defiles, desecrates, or otherwise damages a patriotic or religious symbol that is an object of respect by the public or a substantial segment of the public; ~~or~~

(9) In a public place, exposes his or her private parts; or

(10) In a public place, acts in a manner that violates community or state standards of public decency and appeals to a prurient interest.

/s/C. Cooper