

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

State of Arkansas
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 60

By: Senator L. Chesterfield

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ABOLISH THE PANIC DEFENSE; TO LIMIT
DEFENSES IN THE PROSECUTION OF VIOLENT CRIMES; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ABOLISH THE PANIC DEFENSE.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Chapter 2, Subchapter 6, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

5-2-623. Panic in response to victim's sexual orientation.

It is not a defense to a prosecution for a crime of violence that the defendant's conduct resulted from the discovery, knowledge, or disclosure of the victim's sexual orientation, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or sex assigned at birth.

