

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1655

By: Representative Long

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF HUMAN SMUGGLING; TO
CREATE THE OFFENSE OF HARBORING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF HUMAN
SMUGGLING; AND TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF
HARBORING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5 is amended to add an additional chapter to read as follows:

CHAPTER 80 – IMMIGRATION

5-80-101. Human smuggling.

(a) A person commits the offense of human smuggling if he or she knowingly transports into the state an individual whom the person knows, or reasonably should know, has entered the United States in violation of law and has not been inspected by the United States Government since his or her unlawful entry from another country.

(b) A person commits a separate offense for each individual he or she transports into this state in violation of this section.

(c) Human smuggling is a:

(1) Class C felony for a second or subsequent offense under subdivision (c)(2) of this section;

(2) Class D felony if the person receives anything of value in return for the commission of the offense; or



(3) Class A misdemeanor if otherwise committed.

(d) This section does not restrict or prevent a school or an institution of higher education from providing housing services to any regularly enrolled student.

5-80-102. Harboring illegal immigrants.

(a) A person commits the offense of harboring illegal immigrants if he or she knowingly conceals, harbors, or shields from detection an individual whom the person knows, or reasonably should know, has entered the United States in violation of law and has not been inspected by the United States Government since his or her unlawful entry from another country.

(b) A person commits a separate offense for each individual he or she harbors in violation of this section.

(c) Harboring illegal immigrants is a:

(1) Class C felony for a second or subsequent offense under subdivision (c)(2) of this section;

(2) Class D felony if a person receives anything of value in return for the commission of the offense; or

(3) Class A misdemeanor if otherwise committed.

(d) This section does not restrict or prevent a school or an institution of higher education from providing housing services to any regularly enrolled student.

/s/Long