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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING THE TAKING OF FINGERPRINTS, A DNA  
10 SAMPLE, AND PHOTOGRAPH FOR A PERSON ARRESTED FOR A  
11 CLASS A MISDEMEANOR; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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## Subtitle

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CONCERNING THE TAKING OF FINGERPRINTS, A  
16 DNA SAMPLE, AND PHOTOGRAPH FOR A PERSON  
17 ARRESTED FOR A CLASS A MISDEMEANOR.

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

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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-12-1006(a) and (b), concerning the  
23 taking of fingerprints, a DNA sample, and a photograph of an arrested person,  
24 are amended to read as follows:

25 (a)(1)(A)(i) Immediately following an arrest for ~~an offense~~ a Class A  
26 misdemeanor, a law enforcement official ~~at the receiving criminal detention~~  
27 ~~facility shall~~ may take, or cause to be taken, the fingerprints and a  
28 photograph of the arrested person ~~if the offense is a felony or a Class A~~  
29 ~~misdemeanor~~.

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31 (ii) Immediately following an arrest for a felony  
32 offense, a law enforcement official at the receiving criminal detention  
33 facility shall take, or cause to be taken, the fingerprints and a photograph  
34 of the arrested person.

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36 (B) A law enforcement official ~~at the receiving criminal~~  
~~detention facility~~ shall not take fingerprints of the arrested person if:

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(i) The arrest was for a probation violation; and



1 (ii) The arrested person's fingerprints are already  
2 possessed by the Identification Bureau of the Department of Arkansas State  
3 Police.

4 (2) In addition to the requirements of subdivision (a)(1) of  
5 this section, a law enforcement official at the receiving criminal detention  
6 facility shall take, or cause to be taken, a DNA sample of a person arrested  
7 for any felony offense.

8 (b)(1) When the first appearance of a defendant in court is caused by  
9 a citation or summons for ~~an offense~~ a Class A misdemeanor, a law enforcement  
10 official ~~at the receiving criminal detention facility~~ shall take, or cause to  
11 be taken, the fingerprints and a photograph of the arrested person ~~when the~~  
12 ~~offense is a felony or a Class A misdemeanor.~~

13 (2)(A) When the first appearance of a defendant in court is  
14 caused by a summons for a felony offense, a law enforcement official at the  
15 receiving criminal detention facility shall take, or cause to be taken, the  
16 fingerprints and a photograph of the arrested person.

17 ~~(2)(B)~~ In addition to the requirements of subdivision  
18 ~~(b)(1)(b)(2)(A)~~ of this section, if the first appearance of a defendant in  
19 court is caused by a ~~citation or~~ summons for a felony offense ~~enumerated in~~  
20 ~~subdivision (a)(2) of this section~~, the court immediately shall order and a  
21 law enforcement officer shall take or cause to be taken a DNA sample of the  
22 arrested person.

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25 /s/Crawford

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