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A Bill

SENATE BILL 569

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING THE OFFENSE OF BATTERY IN THE THIRD
9 DEGREE; CONCERNING BATTERY AGAINST A PREGNANT WOMAN;
10 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 CONCERNING THE OFFENSE OF BATTERY IN THE
14 THIRD DEGREE; AND CONCERNING BATTERY
15 AGAINST A PREGNANT WOMAN.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-13-203 is amended to read as follows:
22 5-13-203. Battery in the third degree.

23 (a) A person commits battery in the third degree if:

24 (1) With the purpose of causing physical injury to another person, the
25 person causes physical injury to any person;

26 (2) The person recklessly causes physical injury to another person;

27 (3) The person negligently causes physical injury to another person by
28 means of a deadly weapon; or

29 (4) The person purposely causes stupor, unconsciousness, or physical
30 or mental impairment or injury to another person by administering to the
31 other person, without the other person's consent, any drug or other
32 substance.

33 (b)(1) Battery in the third degree is a Class A misdemeanor.

34 (2) However, battery in the third degree is a Class D felony if
35 committed against a woman the person knew or should have known was pregnant.
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