

1 State of Arkansas  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 60

5 By: Senator L. Chesterfield  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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

12 TO ABOLISH THE PANIC DEFENSE.  
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Chapter 2, Subchapter 6, is amended  
20 to add an additional section to read as follows:

21 5-2-623. Panic in response to victim's sexual orientation.

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