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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CLASSIFY A DRAG PERFORMANCE AS AN ADULT-ORIENTED BUSINESS; TO ADD ADDITIONAL LOCATION RESTRICTIONS TO AN ADULT-ORIENTED BUSINESS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO CLASSIFY A DRAG PERFORMANCE AS AN ADULT-ORIENTED BUSINESS; AND TO ADD ADDITIONAL LOCATION RESTRICTIONS TO AN ADULT-ORIENTED BUSINESS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-1-302(6), concerning the definition of "adult-oriented business", is amended to read as follows:

(6) "Adult-oriented business" means an adult arcade, an adult bookstore or video store, an adult cabaret, an adult live entertainment establishment, an adult motion picture theater, an adult theater, a massage establishment that offers adult services, an escort agency, ~~or~~ a nude model studio, or a drag performance;

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 14-1-302, concerning definitions related to adult-oriented businesses, is amended to add additional subdivisions to read as follows:



1 (26) "Drag performance" means a performance:

2 (A) In which one (1) or more performers:

3 (i) Exaggerates sexual aspects of the masculine or
4 feminine body for entertainment purposes; and

5 (ii) Sings, lip-synchs, dances, or otherwise
6 performs before an audience of at least two (2) persons for entertainment,
7 whether performed for payment or not; and

8 (B) That is intended to appeal to the prurient interest;

9 and

10 (27) "Minor" means an individual who is less than eighteen (18)
11 years of age.

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13 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 14-1-303, concerning the location of adult-
14 oriented businesses, is amended to add *additional subsections* to read as
15 follows:

16 (d) An adult-oriented business shall not be located:

17 (1) On public property; or

18 (2) Where a minor can view what the adult-oriented business is
19 otherwise offering to the public that qualifies it as an adult-oriented
20 business.

21 (e) An adult-oriented business shall not permit a minor to view
22 material or entertainment that:

23 (1) Appeals to the prurient interest as applied to a minor;

24 (2) Depicts sexual behavior in a way that is patently offensive
25 under community standards as applied to a minor; and

26 (3) Lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific
27 value for minors.

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29 /s/G. Stubblefield
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