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A Bill

SENATE BILL 550

5 By: Senator T. Garner
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROTECT ACCESS TO PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT,
10 RIGHTS OF WAY, PRIVATE REAL PROPERTY, AND PUBLIC
11 INFRASTRUCTURE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO PROTECT ACCESS TO PLACES OF
16 EMPLOYMENT, RIGHTS OF WAY, PRIVATE REAL
17 PROPERTY, AND PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE.
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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 Title 5, Chapter 71, Subchapter 2, is amended
23 to add an additional section to read as follows:

24 5-71-218. Unlawful mass picketing.

25 (a) As used in this section, "mass picketing" means the assembly of
26 persons in the use of pickets or demonstrations at or near a business,
27 school, or private facility.

28 (b) A person commits the offense of unlawful mass picketing if the
29 person knowingly:

30 (1) Engages in mass picketing that:

31 (A) Obstructs access by the mass picketing to the pursuit
32 of lawful work or employment; or

33 (B) Obstructs:

34 (i) The entrance to or egress from a place of
35 employment; or

36 (ii) Free use of public roads, streets, highways,



1 railways, airports, or other rights-of-way of travel or conveyance; or

2 (2) Engages in mass picketing at a private residence that:

3 (A) Obstructs the entrance to or exit from the private
4 residence; or

5 (B) Includes a threat of violence or intimidation
6 communicated near or contiguous to the private residence.

7 (c) This section does not apply to a person who is validly exercising
8 his or her rights as guaranteed by the United States Constitution or the
9 Arkansas Constitution.

10 (d) Unlawful mass picketing is a Class A misdemeanor.

11 (e)(1) A person or entity who is harmed by unlawful mass picketing
12 under this section may seek injunctive relief in the circuit court having
13 jurisdiction to enjoin a person engaged in unlawful mass picketing from
14 participating in unlawful mass picketing.

15 (2) A court hearing a petition for injunctive relief under this
16 subsection may award court costs and reasonable attorney's fees to a
17 prevailing party as well as order a civil fine of up to one thousand dollars
18 (\$1,000) per day for a person who violates an order enjoining him or her from
19 engaging in unlawful mass picketing.

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21 /s/T. Garner
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