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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 343

5 By: Senators D. Sullivan, G. Stubblefield, M. Johnson  
6 By: Representatives Boyd, Milligan  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT RESTORING A PERSON'S RIGHT TO POSSESS A  
10 FIREARM UNDER STATE LAW AFTER A CERTAIN PERIOD OF  
11 TIME AFTER THE PERSON'S CONVICTION FOR A NONVIOLENT  
12 FELONY OFFENSE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 RESTORING A PERSON'S RIGHT TO POSSESS A  
16 FIREARM UNDER STATE LAW AFTER A CERTAIN  
17 PERIOD OF TIME AFTER THE PERSON'S  
18 CONVICTION FOR A NONVIOLENT FELONY  
19 OFFENSE.  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-73-103(a), concerning the elements of the  
26 offense of possession of a firearm by certain persons, is amended to read as  
27 follows:

28 (a) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section or unless  
29 authorized by and subject to such conditions as prescribed by the Governor,  
30 or his or her designee, or the United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,  
31 Firearms, and Explosives, or other bureau or office designated by the United  
32 States Department of Justice, ~~no~~ a person shall not possess or own any  
33 firearm who has been:

34 (1) Convicted of a violent felony;

35 (2) Convicted of a nonviolent felony and less than ten (10)  
36 years have elapsed since the completion of the sentence for the nonviolent



1 felony;

2 (3) Convicted of a felony under federal law and the felony was  
3 classified or described by the United States Congress as violent as of  
4 January 1, 2021;

5 ~~(2)~~(4) Adjudicated mentally ill; or

6 ~~(3)~~(5) Committed involuntarily to any mental institution.

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8 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-73-103, concerning the offense of  
9 possession of a firearm by certain persons, is amended to add an additional  
10 subsection to read as follows:

11 (e) As used in this section:

12 (1) "Nonviolent felony" means any felony not a violent felony;

13 and

14 (2) "Violent felony" means a felony listed under § 5-4-  
15 501(d)(2).

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