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*As Engrossed: H3/12/15*  
**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1704

5 By: Representative Ballinger  
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7 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 AN ACT TO PERMIT A PERSON CONVICTED OF A FELONY TO  
9 POSSESS A MUZZLELOADER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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11 **Subtitle**

12 TO PERMIT A PERSON CONVICTED OF A FELONY  
13 TO POSSESS A MUZZLELOADER.  
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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 § 5-73-101 is amended to add a new definition  
20 to read as follows:

21 (11) "Muzzleloader" means an antique firearm or replica antique  
22 firearm as defined under 18 U.S.C. § 921(a)(16), as it existed on January 1,  
23 2015.  
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25 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-73-103(a), concerning the criminal  
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 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and  
31 Explosives of the United States Department of Justice, or other bureau or  
32 office designated by the United States Department of Justice, ~~no~~ a person  
33 shall not possess or own ~~any~~ a firearm ~~who~~ if he or she has been:

- 34 (1) Convicted of a felony, unless the firearm is a muzzleloader;
- 35 (2) Adjudicated mentally ill; or
- 36 (3) Committed involuntarily to any mental institution.



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