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To amend section 2907.08 of the Revised Code to
increase the penalties for voyeurism.

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

Section 1. That section 2907.08 of the Revised Code be
amended to read as follows:

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Sec. 2907.08. (A) No person, for the purpose of sexually
arousing or gratifying the person's self, shall commit trespass
or otherwise surreptitiously invade the privacy of another, to
spy or eavesdrop upon another.

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(B) No person shall knowingly commit trespass or otherwise
secretly or surreptitiously videotape, film, photograph,
broadcast, stream, or otherwise record another person, in a
place where a person has a reasonable expectation of privacy,
for the purpose of viewing the private areas of that person.

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(C) No person shall knowingly commit trespass or otherwise
secretly or surreptitiously videotape, film, photograph,
broadcast, stream, or otherwise record a minor, in a place where
a person has a reasonable expectation of privacy, for the
purpose of viewing the private areas of the minor.

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(D) No person shall secretly or surreptitiously videotape,

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film, photograph, or otherwise record another person above, 20
under, or through the clothing being worn by that other person 21
for the purpose of viewing the body of, or the undergarments 22
worn by, that other person. 23

(E) (1) Whoever violates this section is guilty of 24
voyeurism. 25

(2) A violation of division (A) of this section is a 26
misdemeanor of the third degree. 27

(3) A-Except as otherwise provided in this division, a 28
violation of division (B) of this section is a ~~misdemeanor~~felony 29
of the ~~second~~-fifth degree. If the offender previously has been 30
convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of division (B) of 31
this section, a violation of division (B) of this section is a 32
felony of the fourth degree. 33

(4) A-Except as otherwise provided in this division, a 34
violation of division (D) of this section is a ~~misdemeanor~~felony 35
of the ~~first~~-fifth degree. If the offender previously has been 36
convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of division (D) of 37
this section, a violation of division (D) of this section is a 38
felony of the fourth degree. 39

(5) A-Except as otherwise provided in this division, a 40
violation of division (C) of this section is a felony of the 41
~~fifth~~-fourth degree. If the offender previously has been 42
convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of division (C) of 43
this section, a violation of division (C) of this section is a 44
felony of the third degree. 45

Section 2. That existing section 2907.08 of the Revised 46
Code is hereby repealed. 47