

"AN ACT TO AMEND SUBSECTION (b) OF SECTION 10 OF ACT 469 OF 1965, AS AMENDED [ARK. STAT. 82-130(b)], TO REPEAL SUBSECTION (d) OF SECTION 10 OF ACT 469 OF 1965, AS AMENDED [ARK. STAT. 82-130(d)], TO INCREASE FEES CHARGED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR PLAN REVIEWS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (b) of Section 10 of Act 469 of 1965, the same being Arkansas Statute 82-130 (b), is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(b)(1). A fee, as hereafter determined, to be collected for the review of plans and specifications covering improvements which by law or regulation are required to be reviewed by the State Board of Health, or the State Department of Health, or any law or regulation amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto, including without limitation, plans and specifications covering waterworks, sewage works, swimming pools, hospitals and related facilities, food service and food processing establishments, and plumbing in public facilities. The fee shall be one percent (1%) of the estimated cost, with a maximum fee of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and a minimum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) calculated and paid on the basis of the engineering estimate of the total cost of the particular improvement, which estimate is to be submitted with the plans and specifications for review. If the maximum fee of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) is paid, no engineering estimate of the total cost need be submitted with the plans and specifications.

(2) One-half of the funds collected for the review of plans and specifications shall be deposited in the State Department of Health Revenue Bond Fund and such deposit shall be in lieu of the amount previously pledged to the Health Revenue Bond Fund. The balance of the funds collected are hereby declared to be 'special revenues' and shall be deposited in the State Treasury, there to be credited to the Public Health Fund."

SECTION 2. Subsection (d) of Section 10 of Act 469 of 1965, the same being Arkansas Statute 82-130(d), is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that due to current revenue short falls the services offered by the Department of Health to the citizens of this State are threatened; that an equitable method of maintaining these services is to provide for additional fees to be paid by those citizens who request the assistance of the State Department of Health; that this Act is designed to provide for the collection of additional fees and should be given effect immediately. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

APPROVED: 3/25/87
