

1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **79th General Assembly**  
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4 **By: Representative Dietz**

# A Bill

**ACT 499 OF 1993**  
**HOUSE BILL 1553**

## For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A MANDATORY CONTINUING EDUCATION  
PROGRAM FOR PROFESSIONAL BAIL BONDSMEN; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES."

### Subtitle

"ESTABLISHING A CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR  
PROFESSIONAL BAIL BONDSMEN."

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

SECTION 1. Each applicant for an initial bail bondsman license who satisfactorily completes the examination and meets the other qualifications and requirements prescribed by law for licensure shall be issued a conditional license, conditioned that the licensee shall complete a minimum of eight (8) clock hours of education in subjects pertaining to the authority and responsibilities of a bail bondsman, including a review of the laws and regulations relating thereto.

If the conditional licensee completes the educational requirement within one hundred eighty (180) days from the date of issuance of the conditional license, the license becomes a regular annual license. If the conditional licensee fails to meet the educational requirement within the time prescribed, the conditional license shall expire.

SECTION 2. Each person licensed as a professional bail bondsman shall annually complete not less than eight (8) clock hours of continuing education in subjects relating to the authority and responsibilities of a bail bondsman, as a condition of renewing his or her license. Such continuing education shall not include written or oral examination.

1 SECTION 3. A person licensed as a professional bail bondsman prior to  
2 the effective date of this act shall not be required to meet the educational  
3 requirement in order to obtain a license but shall be required to meet the  
4 minimum continuing educational requirement for any renewal of such license.

5 Provided, any licensed professional bail bondsman who is sixty-five (65)  
6 years of age or older and who has been licensed as a bail bondsman for fifteen  
7 (15) years or more shall be exempt from both the education and continuing  
8 education requirements of this act.

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10 SECTION 4. The Arkansas Professional Bail Association shall establish  
11 an education program for professional bail bondsmen which will enable bail  
12 bondsmen to meet the education and continuing education requirements of this  
13 act. Provided, the educational program and the courses and training offered  
14 shall be subject to the approval of the Professional Bail Bond Company and  
15 Professional Bail Bondsman Licensing Board (hereinafter "board"). The  
16 association shall establish a schedule of fees to be paid by each bail  
17 bondsman for the educational training. Such schedule of fees shall be subject  
18 to approval of the board.

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20 SECTION 5. The Arkansas Professional Bail Association shall annually  
21 pay to the board a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for review and  
22 approval of the educational program and the fee schedule established by the  
23 association for the education and continuing education of professional bail  
24 bondsmen.

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26 SECTION 6. Any person who falsely represents to the board that any  
27 person has met education or continuing education requirements of this act  
28 shall be guilty of a class B misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished  
29 accordingly.

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31 SECTION 7. The board shall adopt such reasonable rules and regulations  
32 as it shall deem necessary to assure the effective and efficient  
33 administration of this act.

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35 SECTION 8. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature

1 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
2 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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4 SECTION 9. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
5 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
6 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
7 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
8 act are declared to be severable.

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10 SECTION 10. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
11 hereby repealed.

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