

1 **State of Arkansas**  
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4 **By: Representative Dietz**

# **A Bill**

**HOUSE BILL 1552**

## **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 "AN ACT TO CREATE THE PROFESSIONAL BAIL BOND COMPANY AND  
9 PROFESSIONAL BAIL BONDSMAN LICENSING BOARD; TO CHARGE THE  
10 BOARD WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY TO ADMINISTER AND ENFORCE  
11 THE LAWS RELATING TO THE LICENSING AND REGULATION OF  
12 PROFESSIONAL BAIL BOND COMPANIES AND PROFESSIONAL BAIL  
13 BONDSMEN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

## **Subtitle**

16 "CREATES PROFESSIONAL BAIL BOND COMPANY AND PROFESSIONAL  
17 BAIL BONDSMAN LICENSING BOARD AND PRESCRIBES POWERS AND  
18 DUTIES OF THE BOARD."

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

22 SECTION 1. This act may be cited as the Arkansas Professional Bail Bond  
23 Company and Professional Bail Bondsman Licensing Act.

25 SECTION 2. There is hereby created the Professional Bail Bond Company  
26 and Professional Bail Bondsman Licensing Board. The board shall be composed  
27 of seven (7) members to be appointed by the Governor for terms of seven (7)  
28 years. Provided, the members first appointed to the board shall draw lots for  
29 terms so that one (1) member will serve for a term of one (1) year, one (1)  
30 for a term of two (2) years, one (1) for a term of three (3) years, one (1)  
31 for a term of four (4) years, one (1) for a term of five (5) years, one (1)  
32 for a term of six (6) years and one (1) for a term of seven (7) years.  
33 Thereafter, all appointments shall be for terms of seven (7) years. Vacancies  
34 shall be filled by appointment of the Governor for the unexpired portion of  
35 the term.

1           Three (3) members of the board shall be licensed bail bond company  
2 owners, one (1) a municipal chief of police, one (1) a county sheriff, one (1)  
3 an elected judge, and one (1) shall be a resident of the state who is not a  
4 bail bond company owner, elected judge, sheriff or chief of police. No two  
5 (2) of the three (3) bail bondsman members shall reside in the same  
6 congressional district and at least one of the bail bondsman members shall be  
7 an African-American.

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9           SECTION 3. The members of the board shall serve without compensation  
10 but shall be entitled to reimbursement for actual documented expenses incurred  
11 in the performance of their official duties.

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13           SECTION 4. (1) The board shall have the authority and responsibility to  
14 administer and enforce the provisions of Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 17,  
15 heretofore administered and enforced by the Commissioner of Insurance and the  
16 Insurance Department, relating to licensing and regulation of professional  
17 bail bond companies and professional bail bondsmen, and all such authority and  
18 responsibility with respect to licensing and regulation of professional bail  
19 bond companies and professional bail bondsmen heretofore vested in and  
20 exercised by the Commissioner of Insurance and the Department of Insurance are  
21 hereby transferred to and vested in the Professional Bail Bond Company and  
22 Professional Bondsman Licensing Board.

23           (2) The board shall have the authority to adopt and enforce such  
24 reasonable rules and regulations as it shall determine to be necessary to  
25 enable it to effectively and efficiently carry out its official duty of  
26 licensing and regulating professional bail bond companies and professional  
27 bail bondsmen. Provided, all administrative rules and regulations concerning  
28 professional bail bond companies and professional bail bondsmen adopted by the  
29 Commissioner of Insurance and in effect on the effective date of this act  
30 shall continue in full force and effect until revised or repealed by the  
31 board.

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33           SECTION 5. The provisions of this act shall not be construed to repeal  
34 any laws in effect on the effective date of this act relating to the licensing  
35 and regulation of professional bail bond companies and professional bail

1 bondsmen but such laws shall remain in full force and effect and shall be  
2 administered by the board created herein.

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4 SECTION 6. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
5 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
6 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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

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14 SECTION 8. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
15 hereby repealed.

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