| 1  | State of Arkansas   | As Engrossed: H2/19/97 H3/7/97 H3/21/97     |                 |       |  |
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| 2  | 81st General Assembly   | A Bill                                      |                 |       |  |
| 3  | Regular Session, 1997   |   | HOUSE BILL      | 1210  |  |
| 4  |   |   |                 |       |  |
| 5  | By: Representative Miller   |   |                 |       |  |
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| 8  | For An Act To Be Entitled   |   |                 |       |  |
| 9  | "AN ACT RELATING TO NOTIFICATION TO LIENHOLDERS OF CHANGES                              |   |                 |       |  |
| 10 | IN POLICIES AND CONTRACTS OF VEHICLE CASUALTY INSURANCE                                 |   |                 |       |  |
| 11 | AND TO PAYMENT OF INSURANCE CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES TO VEHICLES                              |   |                 |       |  |
| 12 | SUBJECT   | TO LIENS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."          |                 |       |  |
| 13 |   |   |                 |       |  |
| 14 |   | Subtitle                                    |                 |       |  |
| 15 |   | "NOTIFICATION TO LIENHOLDERS OF CHANGES     |                 |       |  |
| 16 | IN VEHICLE CASUALTY POLICIES AND  |   |                 |       |  |
| 17 | CONTRACTS AND TO PAYMENT OF INSURANCE   |   |                 |       |  |
| 18 | CLAIMS ON VEHICLES SUBJECT TO LIENS."   |   |                 |       |  |
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| 20 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:                         |   |                 |       |  |
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| 22 | SECTION 1. All claims paid by an insurer authorized to do business in                   |   |                 |       |  |
| 23 | this state to any person having a claim under any policy or contract of                 |   |                 |       |  |
| 24 | vehicle casualty insurance as defined in 23-62-105 shall be paid by check or            |   |                 |       |  |
| 25 | draft of the insurer payable jointly to the order of the claimant and $\underline{the}$ |   |                 |       |  |
| 26 | lienholder who holds a first lien of record against the vehicle of the insure           |   |                 |       |  |
| 27 | or claimant.  |   |                 |       |  |
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| 29 | SECTION 2   | . Every insurer paying a claim under any p  | olicy or contra | ct of |  |
| 30 | vehicle casualty insurance shall mail or deliver the check or draft for                 |   |                 |       |  |
| 31 | payment of the claim to the claimant or a lienholder within ten (10) working            |   |                 |       |  |
| 32 | days after all claim investigations are completed, the claim is processed and           |   |                 |       |  |
| 33 | the files are c   | <u>losed.</u>                               |                 |       |  |
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| 35 | SECTION 3   | . Every insurer issuing any policy or cont  | ract of vehicle |       |  |
| 36 | caqualty inques   | nce covering a rick in this state shall not | ify the holder  | ٥f    |  |

| 1  | any lien of record on the insured vehicle of any modification, cancellation or |  |  |  |
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| 2  | expiration of the policy or contract. The notification shall be given in       |  |  |  |
| 3  | writing and at least ten (10) days before the effective date of the proposed   |  |  |  |
| 4  | modification, cancellation or expiration.                                      |  |  |  |
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| 6  | SECTION 4. Any insurer which violates or fails to comply with the              |  |  |  |
| 7  | provisions of this act shall pay to the Arkansas Department of Insurance a     |  |  |  |
| 8  | penalty in the amount of four hundred dollars (\$400) for each such violation  |  |  |  |
| 9  | or failure to comply.  |  |  |  |
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| 11 | SECTION 5. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature        |  |  |  |
| 12 | are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code    |  |  |  |
| 13 | Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.                    |  |  |  |
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| 15 | SECTION 6. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to          |  |  |  |
| 16 | any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect   |  |  |  |
| 17 | other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  |  |  |  |
| 18 | the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this   |  |  |  |
| 19 | act are declared to be severable.  |  |  |  |
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| 21 | SECTION 7. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are            |  |  |  |
| 22 | hereby repealed.   |  |  |  |
| 23 | /s/Rep. Miller   |  |  |  |
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