

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2696

5 By: Representative Ledbetter  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING ADDITIONAL FEES TO BE CHARGED  
10 BY BAIL BOND COMPANIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

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13 CHARGED BY BAIL BOND COMPANIES.  
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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19 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-19-301(e), concerning premiums for bail*  
20 *bonds, is amended to read as follows:*

21 ~~*(e) The administrative and regulatory fees imposed on professional*~~  
22 ~~*bail bond companies under this section shall be in addition to all other*~~  
23 ~~*fees, taxes and assessments, and penalties licensed professional bail bond*~~  
24 ~~*companies pay the State of Arkansas through the department or other state*~~  
25 ~~*agencies under other laws.*~~

26 *(e)(1) In addition to the premiums, compensation, and fees allowed in*  
27 *subsections (a) and (d) of this section, beginning July 1, 2003, each bail*  
28 *bond company shall charge and collect ten dollars (\$10.00) as a non-*  
29 *refundable fee for the Arkansas Public Defender Commission.*

30 *(2) All fees collected shall be forwarded to the Arkansas Public*  
31 *Defender Commission for deposit in the Public Defender User Fee Fund.*

32 *(4) The Public Defender Commission shall deposit the money*  
33 *collected into the existing account with State Central Services entitled*  
34 *"Public Defender User Fees."*

35 *(5) The fees collected by the bail bond companies required under*  
36 *this subsection (e) shall be reported and filed with the Public Defender*



1 Commission quarterly.

2 (6) A notarized annual reconciliation of all fees collected in  
3 the preceding calendar year shall be filed by each bail bond company by  
4 February 15<sup>th</sup> on forms provided by the Public Defender Commission.

5 (7) In addition to the bail or appearance bond premium or  
6 compensation allowed under this section and § 17-19-111, each licensed  
7 professional bail bond company shall charge and collect a processing fee of  
8 five dollars (\$5.00) on each bail bond in order to defray the surety's costs  
9 incurred by the quarterly and annual reports to the Public Defender  
10 Commission, and to further defray the surety's costs incurred in the  
11 collection of all fees due owing and collected on behalf of the Public  
12 Defender Commission.

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