

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.

1 State of Arkansas
2 84th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2003

A Bill

SENATE BILL 950

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5 By: Senator Holt
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO INCREASE PENALTIES UNDER THE ARKANSAS
10 HOT CHECK LAW; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 AN ACT TO INCREASE PENALTIES UNDER THE
14 ARKANSAS HOT CHECK LAW.
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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 § 5-37-305(a), concerning penalties for
20 violating the Arkansas Hot Check Law, is amended to read as follows:

21 (a) Upon a determination of guilt, in the event that the order, draft,
22 check, or other form of presentment involving the transmission of account
23 information is two hundred dollars (\$200) or less, the penalties shall be as
24 follows:

25 (1)(A) First Offense. A fine of not less than ~~fifty dollars~~
26 ~~(\$50.00)~~ one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) nor more than ~~five hundred dollars~~
27 ~~(\$500)~~ six hundred dollars (\$600) or imprisonment in the county jail or
28 regional detention facility not to exceed thirty (30) days, or both;

29 (B) At the request of the prosecuting attorney, the person
30 may be ordered to attend a class on budgeting and checkbook balancing not to
31 exceed two (2) night per week for two (2) weeks;

32 (2)(A) Second Offense. A fine of not less than ~~one hundred~~
33 ~~dollars (\$100)~~ two hundred dollars (\$200) nor more than ~~one thousand dollars~~
34 ~~(\$1,000)~~ one thousand one hundred dollars (\$1,100) or imprisonment in the
35 county jail or regional detention facility not to exceed ninety (90) days, or
36 both;



1 (B) At the request of the prosecuting attorney, the person may
2 be ordered to attend a class on budgeting and checkbook balancing not to
3 exceed two (2) nights per week for four (4) weeks;

4 (3)(A) Third and Subsequent Offenses. A fine of not less than
5 ~~two hundred dollars (\$200)~~ four hundred dollars (\$400) nor more than ~~two~~
6 ~~thousand dollars (\$2,000)~~ two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) or
7 imprisonment in the county jail or regional detention facility not to exceed
8 one (1) year, or both;

9 (B) At the request of the prosecuting attorney, the person
10 may be ordered to attend a class on budgeting and checkbook balancing not to
11 exceed two (2) night per weeks for three (3) months;

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