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For An Act To Be Entitled

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AN ACT CONCERNING COUNTY JAIL REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE
15 HOUSING OF INMATES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION OR
16 THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY CORRECTION; AND FOR OTHER
17 PURPOSES.

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Subtitle

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22 THE HOUSING OF INMATES BY THE DEPARTMENT
23 OF CORRECTION OR THE DEPARTMENT OF
24 COMMUNITY CORRECTION.

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

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29 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-27-114(c), concerning the rules adopted
30 by the Board of Corrections to reimburse a county jail for housing a state
31 inmate, is amended to read as follows:

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*(c)(1) The Board of Corrections shall adopt ~~regulations~~ rules by which
33 the Department of Correction or the Department of Community Correction may
34 reimburse any county, which is required to retain an inmate awaiting delivery
35 to the custody of either the Department of Correction or the Department of
36 Community Correction ~~for more than thirty (30) days~~ upon receipt of a correct*



1 sentencing order, for the actual costs paid for any emergency medical care
2 for physical injury or illness of the inmate retained under this section if
3 the injury or illness is directly related to the incarceration and the county
4 is required by law to provide the care for inmates in the jail.

5 (2) The Director of the Department of Correction or his or her
6 designee or the Director of the Department of Community Correction or his or
7 her designee may accept custody of any inmate as soon as possible upon
8 request of the county upon determining that the inmate is required to have
9 extended medical care.

10 (3)(A) Reimbursements for medical expenses shall require prior
11 approval of the Department of Correction or the Department of Community
12 Correction before the rendering of health care.

13 (B)(i) In a true emergency situation, health care may be
14 rendered without prior approval.

15 (ii) The Department of Correction or the Department
16 of Community Correction shall be notified of a true emergency situation
17 immediately after the true emergency situation

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