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follows:
    "(g) Any and all information that the interpreter gathers, learns from,
or relays to the deaf person or person who is unable to communicate in English
pertaining to any administrative, civil, or criminal proceeding shall at all
times remain confidential and privileged, on an equal basis with the attorney-
client privilege, unless such deaf person or person who is unable to
communicate in English desires that such information be communicated to other
persons."
SECTION 4. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.
SECTION 5. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.
SECTION 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.
SECTION 7. Emergency. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that there is an immediate need to protect the confidentiality of privileged communications between qualified interpreters for deaf and hearingimpaired persons occurring at administrative, civil and criminal proceeding and that this act is immediately necessary. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.
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/s/Dowd

