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## By: Senator Walters

## For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO PROHIBIT ANY PERSON OR ORGANIZATION FROM
PROVIDING LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICES FOR COMPENSATION UNLESS AUTHORIZED BY THE ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. It is unlawful for any person or organization to operate a lawyer referral service without prior approval of the Arkansas Supreme Court. Lawyer referral service means referring clients to attorneys and receiving compensation for the referral.

SECTION 2. Any court of competent jurisdiction may order any person or organization violating this Act to cease and desist from operating a lawyer referral service. Any person or entity failing to comply with the court order shall be deemed in contempt of court and subject to such punishment as prescribed by the court.

SECTION 3. 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 4. 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 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are
hereby repealed.

