

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

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## A Bill

ACT 1301 OF 1997  
SENATE BILL 433

5 By: Senators Gordon, Beebe, and Harriman  
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### For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO DEFINE THE UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF LAW AND SET  
10 PENALTIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

### Subtitle

13 "TO DEFINE THE UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF  
14 LAW AND SET PENALTIES"  
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16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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18 SECTION 1. Unauthorized practice of law.

19 (a) A person commits an offense if, with intent to obtain a direct  
20 economic benefit for himself or herself, the person:

21 (1) contracts with any person to represent that person with regard  
22 to personal causes of action for property damages or personal injury;

23 (2) advises any person as to the persons rights and the  
24 advisability of making claims for personal injuries or property damages;

25 (3) advises any person as to whether or not to accept an offered  
26 sum of money in settlement of claims for personal injuries or property  
27 damages;

28 (4) enters into any contract with another person to represent  
29 that person in personal injury or property damage matters on a contingent fee  
30 basis with an attempted assignment of a portion of the persons cause of  
31 action;

32 (5) enters into any contract, except a contract of insurance,  
33 with a third person which purports to grant the exclusive right to select and  
34 retain legal counsel to represent the individual in any legal proceeding; or

35 (6) contacts any person by telephone or in person for the purpose  
36 of soliciting business which is legal in nature, as set forth above.

