

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.
Act 147 of the Regular Session

1 State of Arkansas
2 87th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2009

A Bill

SENATE BILL 16

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5 By: Senator J. Jeffress
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT CONCERNING LETTERS OF CREDIT OR
10 CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT FILED WITH THE
11 PROFESSIONAL BAIL BOND COMPANY AND PROFESSIONAL
12 BAIL BONDSMAN LICENSING BOARD; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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17 CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT FILED WITH THE
18 PROFESSIONAL BAIL BOND COMPANY AND
19 PROFESSIONAL BAIL BONDSMAN LICENSING
20 BOARD.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-9-205 is amended to read as follows:
26 17-19-205. Letter of credit or certificate of deposit required.

27 (a)(1) An applicant for a professional bail bond company license shall
28 file with the Professional Bail Bond Company and Professional Bail Bondsman
29 Licensing Board an irrevocable letter of credit from an Arkansas chartered
30 bank or a federally chartered bank in Arkansas or a certificate of deposit.

31 (2)(A) The letter of credit or certificate of deposit shall be
32 approved by the board as to form and sufficiency and shall be conditioned
33 upon faithful performance of the duties of the licensee.

34 (B) The minimum amount for ~~any~~ a professional bail bond
35 company initially licensed on or before July 1, 1989, shall be twenty-five



1 thousand dollars (\$25,000).

2 (C) The minimum amount for ~~any a~~ professional bail bond
3 company initially licensed after July 1, 1989, shall be one hundred thousand
4 dollars (\$100,000).

5 (D) The minimum amount for a professional bail bond
6 company initially licensed on or after July 1, 2009, shall be two hundred
7 fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000).

8 ~~(D)(E)~~ Professional bail bond companies and professional
9 bail bondsmen who were licensed under Act 400 of 1971 [repealed] ~~prior to~~
10 before March 8, 1989, ~~shall only be required~~ shall be required only to file
11 or have on file with the board a letter of credit or certificate of deposit
12 approved by the board as to form and sufficiency, in a minimum amount of five
13 thousand dollars (\$5,000), conditioned upon the faithful performance of the
14 duties of the licensee, provided they do not exceed the maximum amount of
15 unsecured bond commitments as provided in § 17-19-304.

16 (b) ~~No~~ A letter of credit or certificate of deposit shall not be
17 subject to termination or cancellation by either party in less than sixty
18 (60) days after the giving of written notice thereof to the other parties and
19 to the board.

20 (c) ~~No~~ A termination or cancellation shall not affect the liability of
21 the surety or sureties on a bond incurred ~~prior to~~ before the effective date
22 of termination or cancellation.

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24 **APPROVED: 2/12/2009**

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