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HOUSE BILL 1813

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING LICENSURE AND LICENSURE
9 REQUIREMENTS OF A LICENSED BAIL BOND AGENT; TO
10 ESTABLISH TRAINING REQUIREMENTS; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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16 REQUIREMENTS OF A LICENSED BAIL BOND
17 AGENT; AND TO ESTABLISH TRAINING
18 REQUIREMENTS.

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

23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-19-108 is amended to read as follows:
24 17-19-108. Rules ~~and regulations~~.

25 The Professional Bail Bond Company and Professional Bail Bondsman
26 Licensing Board shall adopt ~~such~~ reasonable rules ~~and regulations~~ as it ~~shall~~
27 ~~deem~~ deems necessary to assure the effective and efficient administration of
28 §§ 17-19-107 and 17-19-212 and § 17-19-401 et seq.

30 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-19-110 is amended to read as follows:
31 17-19-110. Licensed bail bond agent.

32 (a)(1) A person may apply for one (1) of the following licenses under
33 this chapter:

34 (A) A class 1 bail bond agent license; or

35 (B) A class 2 bail bond agent license.

36 (2)(A) A class 1 bail bond agent license permits a licensee to



1 write bonds under this chapter, but the licensee may not engage in the
 2 apprehension of a defendant who has failed to appear in court as required by
 3 the term of his or her bond.

4 (B) A class 2 bail bond agent license permits a licensee
 5 to write bonds under this chapter as well as apprehend a defendant who has
 6 failed to appear in court as required by the terms of his or her bond.

7 ~~(a)~~(b) A licensed bail bond agent shall be permitted to write a bail
 8 bond in any county if:

9 (1) The agent has a current license with a current licensed
 10 professional bail bond company; and

11 (2) The agent and the agent's company are in good standing with
 12 the courts in the jurisdiction where the bond is to be posted.

13 ~~(b)~~(c) A licensed bail bond agent shall carry a current copy of his or
 14 her professional bail bond agent license that shall indicate which
 15 professional bail bond company the ~~bondsman~~ agent works for and his or her
 16 qualifying power of attorney that is on file with the Professional Bail Bond
 17 Company and Professional Bail Bondsman Licensing Board.

18 ~~(e)~~~~(1)~~(d)(1) Only one (1) power of attorney per bond not exceeding the
 19 agent's qualifying power of attorney shall be permitted unless a court has
 20 separated the charges and amounts of bonds.

21 (2) Powers of attorney shall not be stacked.

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 23 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 17-19-212 is amended to read as follows:
 24 17-19-212. Licenses.

25 (a) Each An applicant for an initial bail bondsman a class 1 bail bond
 26 agent license who shall satisfactorily completes complete the examination and
 27 ~~meets meet~~ the other qualifications and requirements prescribed by law,
 28 including the completion of a minimum of eight (8) hours of education in
 29 subjects pertaining to the authority and responsibilities of a ~~bail bondsman~~
 30 licensed bail bond agent and a review of the laws and ~~regulations relating~~
 31 ~~thereto, shall be licensed by the Professional Bail Bond Company and~~
 32 ~~Professional Bail Bondsman Licensing Board~~ rules.

33 (b) An applicant for a class 2 bail bond agent license shall satisfy
 34 the requirements for a class 1 bail bond agent license as well as complete
 35 one hundred (100) hours of in-classroom instruction and training, including
 36 without limitation the following topics:

- 1 (1) Fourth Amendment search and seizure;
- 2 (2) Use of force;
- 3 (3) Lawful entry into a residence; and
- 4 (4) Firearms qualification.

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