Hall of the House of Representatives

84th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2003 Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 2696

"AN ACT CONCERNING ADDITIONAL FEES TO BE CHARGED BY BAIL BOND

COMPANIES."

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 2696.

Amend House Bill No. 2696 as originally introduced:

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Delete Section 1 and substitute:
      "SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-19-301(e), concerning premiums for bail
bonds, is amended to read as follows:
      (c) The administrative and regulatory fees imposed on professional
bail bond companies under this section shall be in addition to all other
fees, taxes and assessments, and penalties licensed professional bail bond
companies pay the State of Arkansas through the department or other state
agencies under other laws.
      (e)(1) In addition to the premiums, compensation, and fees allowed in
subsections (a) and (d) of this section, beginning July 1, 2003, each bail
bond company shall charge and collect ten dollars ($10.00) as a non-
refundable fee for the Arkansas Public Defender Commission.
            (2) All fees collected shall be forwarded to the Arkansas Public
Defender Commission for deposit in the Public Defender User Fee Fund.
            (4) The Public Defender Commission shall deposit the money
collected into the existing account with State Central Services entitled
"Public Defender User Fees."
            (5) The fees collected by the bail bond companies required under
this subsection (e) shall be reported and filed with the Public Defender
Commission quarterly.
            (6) A notarized annual reconciliation of all fees collected in
the preceding calendar year shall be filed by each bail bond company by
February 15<sup>th</sup> on forms provided by the Public Defender Commission.
            (7) In addition to the bail or appearance bond premium or
compensation allowed under this section and § 17-19-111, each licensed
professional bail bond company shall charge and collect a processing fee of
five dollars ($5.00) on each bail bond in order to defray the surety's costs
incurred by the quarterly and annual reports to the Public Defender
Commission, and to further defray the surety's costs incurred in the
collection of all fees due owing and collected on behalf of the Public
Defender Commission."
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The Amendment was read _____ By: Representative Ledbetter PBB/APK - 032620031355 ONE393

Chief Clerk