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A Bill

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6 By: Representative Bell

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8 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

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17 REQUIREMENTS OF A LICENSED BAIL BOND
18 AGENT; AND TO ESTABLISH TRAINING
19 REQUIREMENTS.
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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 § 17-19-108 is amended to read as follows:
26 17-19-108. Rules ~~and regulations~~.

27 The Professional Bail Bond Company and Professional Bail Bondsman
28 Licensing Board shall adopt ~~such~~ reasonable rules ~~and regulations~~ as it ~~shall~~
29 ~~deem~~ deems necessary to assure the effective and efficient administration of
30 §§ 17-19-107 and 17-19-212 and § 17-19-401 et seq.

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32 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-19-110 is amended to read as follows:
33 17-19-110. Licensed bail bond agent.

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

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

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

2 (2)(A) A class 1 bail bond agent license permits a licensee to
3 write bonds under this chapter, but the licensee may not engage in the
4 apprehension of a defendant who has failed to appear in court as required by
5 the term of his or her bond.

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

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

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

13 (2) The agent and the agent’s company are in good standing with
14 the courts in the jurisdiction where the bond is to be posted.

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

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

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

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25 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 17-19-212 is amended to read as follows:
26 17-19-212. Licenses.

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

35 (b) An applicant for a class 2 bail bond agent license shall satisfy
36 the requirements for a class 1 bail bond agent license as well as complete

1 one hundred (100) hours of in-classroom instruction and training, including
2 without limitation the following topics:

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

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9 Referred by the Arkansas House of Representatives

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