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A Bill

HOUSE BILL

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By: Representatives Barclay and Matthews

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 17-32-304 TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PERSON EMPLOYED AS A VOICE STRESS ANALYST ON JULY 1, 1987 SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED AS A CONDITION OF OBTAINING LICENSURE AS A VOICE STRESS ANALYST TO HAVE A BACCALAUREATE DEGREE OR FIVE YEARS INVESTIGATIVE EXPERIENCE WITH A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 17-32-304(a) is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(a) Any person desiring to be licensed as a voice stress analysis examiner shall make application for licensure to the board and shall submit with the application proof satisfactory to the board that the applicant:

- (1) Is at least twenty-one (21) years of age;
- (2) Is a citizen of the United States;
- (3) Is a person of honesty, truthfulness, integrity, and moral fitness;
- (4) Has not been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude;

(5) Holds a baccalaureate degree from a college or university accredited by the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions or, in lieu thereof, has had five (5) years of investigative experience with a law enforcement agency; provided, however, that any person who was employed as a voice stress analyst on July 1, 1987 shall not be required to meet the requirements of this paragraph (5);

(6) Has completed a course of training offering a certification in the operation of the voice stress analysis machine and submits a copy of the certification with the application;

(7) Has posted a surety bond or insurance policy in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or proof that the individual is covered by a business insurance policy."

SECTION 2. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 3. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. Emergency. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that the provisions of the Arkansas Code requiring the licensure of voice stress analysts went into effect in July of 1987; that persons who were employed as voice stress analysts at that time should be grandfathered in under the law; that this Act provides such grandfather provision; and that this Act should be given effect immediately in order to remedy the inequity as soon as possible. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

