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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1358

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 12-12-314 TO MODIFY THE
9 MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF CERTAIN FEES WHICH MAY BE CHARGED BY THE
10 STATE CRIME LABORATORY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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Subtitle

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13 THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF CERTAIN FEES WHICH
14 MAY BE CHARGED BY THE STATE CRIME
15 LABORATORY."
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas code 12-12-314(a) is amended to read as follows:

21 "(a) The State Crime Laboratory shall charge certain fees in an amount
22 to be determined by the board but subject to the limitations set forth herein
23 for certain records, reports, and consultations by State Crime Laboratory
24 physicians and analysts, expert witness testimony provided in the trial of
25 civil lawsuits as follows:

26 (1) A fee shall be charged for records and reports of the State
27 Crime Laboratory in a reasonable amount to be set by the board where the
28 request for the report shall be from other than a law enforcement or criminal
29 justice system agency.

30 (2) A fee shall be charged in an amount to be set by the board
31 for consultations, scientific or medical research, depositions, expert
32 witness testimony, and travel to and from courts. The fees shall be at a rate
33 not to exceed seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per hour or six hundred dollars
34 (\$600) per day and shall be levied against the requesting individual, agency,
35 or organization for work done in civil cases where State Crime Laboratory

1 personnel involvement results from the performance of duties and
2 responsibilities under this subchapter.

3 (3) A charge of up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each
4 autopsy requested by non-law enforcement officials."

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

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10 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
11 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
12 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
13 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
14 act are declared to be severable.

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16 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
17 hereby repealed.

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