

1 State of Arkansas

2 80th General Assembly

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4 By: Senators Dowd and Gordon

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# A Bill

SENATE BILL

739

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 11-9-706 TO REDEFINE THE  
9 CONTEMPT POWERS OF THE ARKANSAS WORKERS\_ COMPENSATION  
10 COMMISSION; TO ESTABLISH A FINE FOR THE LATE PAYMENT OF  
11 MEDICAL EXPENSES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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## Subtitle

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

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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 11-9-706 is amended to read as follows:

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"(b) If any person or party in proceedings before the commission disobeys or resists any lawful order or process, or misbehaves during a hearing, or so near the place thereof so as to obstruct the hearing, or neglects to produce, after having been ordered to do so, any book, paper, or document, or refuses to appear after having been subpoenaed or upon appearing refuses to take oath as a witness, or after having taken the oath refuses to be examined according to law, or refuses to comply with any final order of an administrative law judge or the commission or willfully refuses to pay an uncontroverted medical or related expense within forty-five (45) days after the respondent has received the statement, said person or party, at the discretion of the administrative law judge or the commission, may be found to be in contempt of the commission and may be subject to a fine not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)."

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

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 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

*/s/Dowd, et al.*

