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A Bill

SENATE BILL 699

4
5 By: Senator Webb

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO REGULATE LOCKSMITHS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

12 "TO REGULATE LOCKSMITHS."

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

16 SECTION 1. Beginning January 1, 1998, no person shall conduct business
17 as a locksmith unless licensed as such by the Professional Bail Bond Company
18 and Professional Bail Bondsman Licensing Board. All persons actively engaged
19 in business as a locksmith on the effective date of this act shall be entitled
20 to an initial license upon application to the board without payment of fee.

22 SECTION 2. Beginning January 1, 1998, every person conducting business
23 as a locksmith in this state shall secure a primary locksmith license from the
24 board, and every locksmith employee of the primary locksmith shall obtain a
25 secondary permit. Licenses and permits shall expire annually. The board may
26 levy a fee not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the initial
27 issuance and each annual renewal of a primary license and a fee not to exceed
28 twenty five dollars (\$25.00) for the initial issuance and each annual renewal
29 of a secondary permit. The board may charge a fee for a background check for
30 initial licenses and permits and renewals not to exceed twenty five dollars
31 (\$25.00).

33 SECTION 3. The numbering system used for secondary permits shall
34 utilize the primary locksmith license number as the prefix.

36 SECTION 4. If a holder of a secondary permit terminates employment with

1 the primary locksmith, the permittee shall surrender the permit to the board
2 within thirty (30) days of termination of employment. Primary locksmith
3 licenses and secondary permits may be revoked if the holder is convicted of a
4 felony or fails to maintain valid Arkansas gross receipts tax permits and
5 applicable local privilege licenses. Applicants for a primary locksmith
6 license or secondary permit shall provide the board with proof of at least one
7 years experience as a practicing locksmith and must consent to a five (5)
8 year criminal background check.

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10 SECTION 5. The purchase or possession of lock or safe altering or
11 manipulation equipment by other than the holder of a primary locksmith license
12 or secondary permit is a Class C misdemeanor.

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14 SECTION 6. The holder of a primary locksmith license or a secondary
15 permit may install, service, or otherwise maintain any mechanical, electronic,
16 or electrically aided locking device or entry or exit control device.
17 Connection of any such device to a monitored security or alarm system must be
18 performed by a licensed alarm systems agent.

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20 SECTION 7. The Professional Bail Bond Company and Professional Bail
21 Bondsman Licensing Board shall promulgate regulations necessary to implement
22 this act.

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24 SECTION 8. All fees collected under this act shall be deposited by the
25 board into a financial institution in this state eligible to accept public
26 funds.

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28 SECTION 9. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
29 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
30 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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32 SECTION 10. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
33 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
34 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
35 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
36 act are declared to be severable.

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SECTION 11. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.