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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1377

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO LIMIT THE LIABILITY OF AN AGENT FOR
SERVICE OF PROCESS UNDER A SYSTEMATIC RESIDENTIAL
RENTAL PROPERTY INSPECTION PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT TO LIMIT THE LIABILITY OF AN
AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS UNDER A
SYSTEMATIC RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY
INSPECTION PROGRAM.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-42-107, concerning the capacity of licensees to sue and be sued, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(c)(1) As used in this subsection (c), "systematic residential rental property inspection program" means a program that requires all persons who reside outside of the State of Arkansas and are owners of residential rental property located within the corporate limits of a municipality in this state to designate an agent for service of process.

(2) In any municipality that has established a systematic residential rental property inspection program, a licensee as defined under § 17-42-103 acting as an agent for service of process for a nonresident owner shall not have criminal or civil liability to the municipality, the nonresident owner, or otherwise for any action or inaction of the municipality or owner if within three (3) business days of receipt of service



1 of process or at other times established by ordinance the licensee sends the
2 service of process to the last known address of the nonresident owner.

3 (3) This subsection supersedes any provision of common law to
4 the contrary.