

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 85th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2005

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1621

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5 By: Representative Ledbetter  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE FEE ON BAIL BONDS FOR THE  
10 USE OF THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION;  
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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14 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE FEE ON BAIL BONDS  
15 FOR THE USE OF THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC  
16 DEFENDER COMMISSION.  
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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 § 17-19-301(e) is amended to read as follows:

22 (e)(1) In addition to the premiums, compensation, and fees allowed in  
23 subsections (a) and (d) of this section, beginning July 1, 2003, each bail  
24 bond company shall charge and collect ~~ten dollars (\$10.00)~~ twenty dollars  
25 (\$20.00) as a non-refundable fee for the Arkansas Public Defender Commission.

26 (2) All fees collected shall be forwarded to the commission for  
27 deposit in the Public Defender User Fee Fund.

28 (3) The commission shall deposit the money collected into the  
29 existing account within the State Central Services Fund entitled "Public  
30 Defender User Fees".

31 (4) The fees collected by the bail bond companies required under  
32 this subsection shall be reported and filed with the commission quarterly.

33 (5) A notarized annual reconciliation of all fees collected in  
34 the preceding calendar year shall be filed by each bail bond company by  
35 February 15 on forms provided by the commission.

36 (6) In addition to the bail or appearance bond premium or



1 compensation allowed under this section and § 17-19-111, each licensed  
2 professional bail bond company shall charge and collect a processing fee of  
3 three dollars (\$3.00) on each bail bond in order to defray the surety's costs  
4 incurred by the quarterly and annual reports to the commission and to further  
5 defray the surety's costs incurred in the collection of all fees due owing  
6 and collected on behalf of the commission.

7 (7) The commission may pursue any appropriate legal remedy for  
8 the collection of any delinquent fees owed under subsection (e) of this  
9 section.

10 (8) Upon collection of any fees and penalties, the commission  
11 shall deposit all fees and penalties directly into the Public Defender User  
12 Fees.

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