

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 2450

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

9 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE ALLOWABLE REIMBURSEMENT TO  
10 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR INVESTIGATIONS AND  
11 INSPECTIONS OF ALLEGED WRONGDOING BY PERSONS  
12 LICENSED IN THE MEDICAL PROFESSION; AND FOR OTHER  
13 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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16 REIMBURSEMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
17 HEALTH FOR INVESTIGATIONS AND  
18 INSPECTIONS OF ALLEGED WRONGDOING BY  
19 PERSONS LICENSED IN THE MEDICAL  
20 PROFESSION.  
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-80-106(h)(1), concerning allowable  
27 reimbursements of Department of Health investigations and inspections of  
28 alleged wrongdoing of medical professionals, is amended to read as follows:

29 (h)(1) The division shall have the authority to collect from the  
30 individual board utilizing the services delineated in this section up to  
31 ~~thirty five dollars (\$35.00)~~ fifty dollars (\$50.00) per hour ~~with a maximum~~  
32 ~~of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) in hourly costs per case.~~  
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34 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-95-304(f)(1), concerning allowable  
35 reimbursements of Department of Health investigations and inspections of  
36 persons licensed under the Arkansas State Medical Board, is amended to read



1 as follows:

2 (f)(1) The division shall have the authority to collect from the  
3 individual board utilizing the services delineated ~~herein~~ in this section up  
4 to ~~thirty five dollars (\$35.00)~~ fifty dollars (\$50.00) per hour with a  
5 ~~maximum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) in hourly costs per case.~~

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7 SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
8 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the Division of Pharmacy  
9 Services and Drug Control of the Department of Health investigates licensure  
10 complaints for seven (7) professional licensing boards; that the Division of  
11 Pharmacy Services and Drug Control has a backlog of about sixty (60) open  
12 cases; that the professional work of licensees may be seriously compromised  
13 so long as the investigation remains uncompleted; and that the proposed fee  
14 increase would enable the hiring of an additional investigator to aid in  
15 completion of cases in a timely manner. Therefore, an emergency is declared  
16 to exist and this act being necessary for the preservation of the public  
17 peace, health, and safety shall become effective on July 1, 2005.

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