

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.

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As Engrossed: H3/4/05
A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2450

5 By: Representative Roebuck
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8 **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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15 **Subtitle**

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17 REIMBURSEMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
18 HEALTH FOR INVESTIGATIONS AND
19 INSPECTIONS OF ALLEGED WRONGDOING BY
20 PERSONS LICENSED IN THE MEDICAL
21 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)~~ four thousand dollars (\$4,000) in
6 hourly costs per case.

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

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20 /s/ Roebuck
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