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A Bill

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5 By: Representative Pate
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8
9 AN ACT CONCERNING BAIL BONDSMEN; AND FOR OTHER
10 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 CONCERNING BAIL BONDSMEN.
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16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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18 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-19-206 is amended to read as follows:
19 17-19-206. Duties of board and clerks.

20 (a) Before issuance of a license under the provisions of this chapter,
21 every applicant for a license shall satisfy the Professional Bail Bond
22 Company and Professional Bail Bondsman Licensing Board as to Arkansas
23 residency, trustworthiness, and competence, as applicable, and shall
24 otherwise comply with the conditions and qualifications set forth in this
25 chapter.

26 (b)(1) The board may refuse to issue any license to an applicant who
27 fails to comply with the provisions of this chapter or rule or regulation of
28 the board.

29 (2) The board may refuse to issue any such license to any
30 applicant that has made a material misrepresentation in the application for
31 such a license.

32 (c) Upon the approval and issuance of any license provided for under
33 this chapter, the board shall give written notice to the sheriff and circuit
34 clerk of each county in the state.

35 (d) Upon revocation or suspension of license, the board shall give
36 written notice to that effect to the sheriff and circuit clerk in each county



1 in the state.

2 (e) The ~~sheriff and circuit clerk in each county~~ board shall maintain
3 a complete record of registrations, revocations, and suspensions, and the
4 record shall be available to the sheriff and county clerk of each county of
5 the state.

6 (f) Annually, the board shall furnish the sheriffs and circuit clerks
7 with a list of renewal licenses.

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9 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-19-306 is amended to read as follows:

10 17-19-306. Posting of bondsmen list.

11 (a)(1) The chief law enforcement officers of any facilities having
12 individuals or prisoners in their custody shall post in plain view in the
13 facility housing those individuals or prisoners a list of registered bonding
14 companies ~~authorized to do business in the county provided by the circuit~~
15 ~~clerk.~~

16 (2) The list shall be prepared by the ~~circuit clerk and approved~~
17 ~~by the circuit court~~ Professional Bail Bond Company and Professional Bail
18 Bondsman Licensing Board and shall contain the names of the professional bail
19 bond companies ~~which~~ that are registered ~~with the circuit clerk~~ with the
20 board for the purpose of being included on the list.

21 (3) This registration is for the purpose of being on the phone
22 list in each county only.

23 (4)(A) Once a professional bail bond company has registered ~~with~~
24 ~~a circuit clerk~~ to be on the phone list, it shall not be necessary for it to
25 register each year.

26 (B) The company ~~will~~ shall keep its place on the list from
27 year to year, unless the company's license has been revoked, canceled, or not
28 renewed.

29 (5) The list shall be posted in each municipality of the county.

30 (b)(1)(A) Professional bail bond companies shall be included on the
31 list in the order in which they were initially registered with the circuit
32 clerk pursuant to this chapter.

33 (B) However, a company with a revoked, canceled, or non
34 renewed license shall be removed from the list.

35 (2)(A) On or before January 1, 2008, the circuit clerk of each
36 county shall certify the list as it exists on the date of certification and

1 forward the certified list to the board.

2 (B) After January 1, 2008, the board shall maintain the
 3 list and be responsible for registrations.

4 ~~(2)(3)(A)~~ The order of the company names shall not change from
 5 year to year.

6 (B) However, a company with a revoked, canceled, or non
 7 renewed license shall be removed from the list.

8 (c) The list shall be prepared by the circuit clerk board and approved
 9 ~~by the circuit court shall be prepared~~ pursuant to the following
 10 specifications:

11 (1) The list shall contain three (3) columns which shall be
 12 headed as follows:

13 (A) Bail bond company;

14 (B) Local address; and

15 (C) Telephone number;

16 (2) Each column shall contain the following information:

17 (A) Bail Bond Company. The professional bail bond company
 18 name and code number shall be typed in the first column on the left-hand side
 19 of the page, with the home office address, city, state, zip code, and home
 20 office telephone numbers directly under the company name in the same column.
 21 No more than two (2) telephone numbers shall be listed for each company. ~~The~~
 22 ~~order in which the company name appears on the list will stay in the same~~
 23 ~~order as it is registered with the circuit clerk pursuant to this chapter;~~

24 (B) Local Address. The second column shall contain one (1)
 25 address for each bail bond company; and

26 (C) Telephone Number. The third column shall contain no
 27 more than two (2) telephone numbers per company, to be typed directly across
 28 the page from the local address, which appears in the second column; and

29 (3) A solid line shall be placed between the end of the listing
 30 of one company and the beginning of the listing of the next company so that
 31 each company is clearly identified; ~~and.~~

32 ~~(4) The name of the bail bond company will stay in the same~~
 33 ~~order that the company initially registered with the circuit clerk of each~~
 34 ~~county pursuant to this chapter.~~

35 (d) The list shall be prepared by the circuit clerk shall be board in
 36 the format of the following example:

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BAIL BOND COMPANY	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE #
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1. Company Name # AZ	555-0000
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Home Office Address	1-800-666-0000
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City, State, Zip

Home Office

Phone Number(s) (2)

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Home Office Address

City, State, Zip

Home Office

Phone Number(s) (2)

3. Company Name # DX

Home Office Address

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