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.

State of Arkansas
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## A Bill

Regular Session, 2009
SENATE BILL 218

By: Senator Altes

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO EXEMPT THE CASH SURRENDER VALUE OF A LIFE INSURANCE POLICY FROM THE CLAIMS OF CREDITORS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle<br>TO EXEMPT THE CASH SURRENDER VALUE OF A<br>LIFE INSURANCE POLICY FROM THE CLAIMS OF CREDITORS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-66-209 is amended to read as follows:
16-66-209. Exemption - Proceeds of life, health, accident, and disability insurance.
(a) All moneys paid or payable to any resident of this state as the insured or beneficiary designated under any an insurance policy or policies providing for the payment of life, sick, accident, or disability benefits shall be exempt from liability or seizure under judicial process of any court and shall not be subjected to the payment of any debt by contract or otherwise by any writ, order, judgment, or decree of any court.
(b) As used in this section, "moneys" means a payment made under an insurance policy to compensate:
(1) The insured or beneficiary for a claim under the policy; or
(2) The owner, insured, or beneficiary for the cash surrender value of the policy.
(c) However, Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect the validity of any sale, assignment, mortgage, pledge, or hypothecation of any a
policy of insurance, or, if any the avails, proceeds, or benefits thereof, shall in no way be affected by the provisions of this section of a policy of insurance.

