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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1282

By: Representatives J. Richardson, L. Johnson, Hudson, Maddox

By: Senator J. Boyd

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF LAW;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONCERNING THE UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF
LAW.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-22-501(a), concerning the intended benefit that is required as an element of the unauthorized practice of law, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person commits an offense if, with intent to obtain a ~~direct~~ any economic benefit for himself or herself, the person:

(1) Contracts with any person to represent that person with regard to personal causes of action for property damages or personal injury;

(2) Advises any person as to the person's rights and the advisability of making claims for personal injuries or property damages;

(3) Advises any person as to whether or not to accept an offered sum of money in settlement of claims for personal injuries or property damages;

(4) Enters into any contract with another person to represent that person in personal injury or property damage matters on a contingent fee basis with an attempted assignment of a portion of the person's cause of action;

(5) Enters into any contract, except a contract of insurance, with a third person which purports to grant the exclusive right to select and



retain legal counsel to represent the individual in any legal proceeding; or

(6) Contacts any person by telephone or in person for the purpose of soliciting business which is legal in nature, as set forth above.

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