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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING LICENSURE AND LICENSURE
REQUIREMENTS OF A LICENSED BAIL BOND AGENT; TO
ESTABLISH TRAINING REQUIREMENTS; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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REQUIREMENTS OF A LICENSED BAIL BOND
AGENT; AND TO ESTABLISH TRAINING
REQUIREMENTS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-19-108 is amended to read as follows:
17-19-108. Rules ~~and regulations~~.

The Professional Bail Bond Company and Professional Bail Bondsman
Licensing Board shall adopt ~~such~~ reasonable rules ~~and regulations~~ as it ~~shall~~
~~deem~~ deems necessary to assure the effective and efficient administration of
§§ 17-19-107 and 17-19-212 and § 17-19-401 et seq.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-19-110 is amended to read as follows:
17-19-110. Licensed bail bond agent.

(a)(1) A person may apply for one (1) of the following licenses under
this chapter:

(A) A class 1 bail bond agent license; or

(B) A class 2 bail bond agent license.

(2)(A) A class 1 bail bond agent license permits a licensee to



write bonds under this chapter, but the licensee may not engage in the apprehension of a defendant who has failed to appear in court as required by the term of his or her bond.

(B) A class 2 bail bond agent license permits a licensee to write bonds under this chapter as well as apprehend a defendant who has failed to appear in court as required by the terms of his or her bond.

~~(a)~~(b) A licensed bail bond agent shall be permitted to write a bail bond in any county if:

(1) The agent has a current license with a current licensed professional bail bond company; and

(2) The agent and the agent's company are in good standing with the courts in the jurisdiction where the bond is to be posted.

~~(b)~~(c) A licensed bail bond agent shall carry a current copy of his or her professional bail bond agent license that shall indicate which professional bail bond company the ~~bondsman~~ agent works for and his or her qualifying power of attorney that is on file with the Professional Bail Bond Company and Professional Bail Bondsman Licensing Board.

~~(e)~~~~(1)~~(d)(1) Only one (1) power of attorney per bond not exceeding the agent's qualifying power of attorney shall be permitted unless a court has separated the charges and amounts of bonds.

(2) Powers of attorney shall not be stacked.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 17-19-212 is amended to read as follows:
17-19-212. Licenses.

(a) Each An applicant for an initial bail bondsman a class 1 bail bond agent license who shall satisfactorily completes complete the examination and meets meet the other qualifications and requirements prescribed by law, including the completion of a minimum of eight (8) hours of education in subjects pertaining to the authority and responsibilities of a bail bondsman licensed bail bond agent and a review of the laws and regulations relating thereto, shall be licensed by the Professional Bail Bond Company and Professional Bail Bondsman Licensing Board rules.

(b) An applicant for a class 2 bail bond agent license shall satisfy the requirements for a class 1 bail bond agent license as well as complete one hundred (100) hours of in-classroom instruction and training, including without limitation the following topics:

- (1) Fourth Amendment search and seizure;
- (2) Use of force;
- (3) Lawful entry into a residence; and
- (4) Firearms qualification.