

By: Representative Rogers

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 971

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 83-39-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REVISE THE COMMISSION FOR BAIL AGENTS; AND FOR RELATED
3 PURPOSES.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 SECTION 1. Section 83-39-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 83-39-25. (1) A professional bail agent or his agent shall
8 charge and collect for his premium, commission, or fee an amount
9 of ten percent (10%) of the amount of bail per bond posted by him,
10 or Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), whichever is greater and a Twenty-five
11 Dollar (\$25.00) processing fee, except on a bond on a defendant
12 who is charged with a capital offense, or on a defendant who
13 resides outside the State of Mississippi, in which case the
14 premium, commission or fee shall be not more than fifteen percent
15 (15%) of the amount of bail, per bond posted by him, or Fifty
16 Dollars (\$50.00) whichever is greater and a Twenty-five Dollar
17 (\$25.00) processing fee.

18 (2) A professional bail agent or his agent shall be allowed
19 under this chapter to charge and collect from the defendant no
20 more than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) and a Twenty-five Dollar (\$25.00)
21 processing fee for expenses resulting from a bond of One Thousand
22 Dollars (\$1,000.00) or less when such bail agent is required to
23 travel outside the county in which he does business.

24 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
25 and after July 1, 2001.