

By: Senator(s) Minor

To: Judiciary

SENATE BILL NO. 2668

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 83-39-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO FIX THE COMMISSION CHARGED BY 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, except on a bond  
11 on a defendant who is charged with a capital offense, or on a  
12 defendant who resides outside the State of Mississippi, in which  
13 case the premium, commission or fee shall be \* \* \* fifteen percent  
14 (15%) of the amount of bail, per bond posted by him, or Fifty  
15 Dollars (\$50.00), whichever is greater.

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

21 (3) A professional bail agent or his agent shall also charge  
22 an additional Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) processing fee on each  
23 bond issued by him.

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