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To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 443

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 83-39-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO INCREASE 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. A professional bail agent or his agent shall  
8 charge for his premium, commission, or fee an amount of fifteen  
9 percent (15%) of the amount of bail per bond posted by him, or  
10 Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), whichever is greater, except on a bond on  
11 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 not more than twenty  
14 percent (20%) of the amount of bail, per bond posted by him, or  
15 Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) whichever is greater. A professional bail  
16 agent or his agent shall be allowed under this chapter to charge  
17 to the defendant no more than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for expenses  
18 resulting from a bond of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or less  
19 when such bail agent is required to travel outside the county in  
20 which he does business.

21 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from

22 and after July 1, 2000.