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Notice of Rulemaking

The Arkansas Professional Bail Bond Licensing Board hereby issue the following proposed amendments to its Rules pursuant to its authority under Ark. Code Ann. §§ 17-19-106 and 17-19-108.

The Board is amending its existing rules to provide for the criminal background process mandated by Ark. Code Ann. § 17-3-101 *et seq.*; to update rules to provide for Automatic Licensure of Active Duty Service Members, Returning Military Veterans, and Spouses per Ark. Code Ann. § 17-1-106; to clarify the reciprocity process per Acts 1011/426 of 2019; and to remove the term “Regulation” per Act 315 of 2019.

In addition, following Legislative review of the Board’s rules pursuant to Act 781 of the 91st General Assembly (2017), the Board is amending its rules to remove several sections that appeared to not be supported by statutory authority or that exceed statutory authority: Section 11 concerning Unsecured Bail Bonds; Section 16(c) concerning a requirement that an agent be physically present when bonding a defendant; Section 16(D) concerning who may be employed by a bail bond company; portions of Section 21 concerning guidelines for financial statements reported to the Board; and Section 27A.(4) concerning how a bail bond company is to cease operations due to unpaid bond forfeitures outstanding.

This proposed policy is available for review at the Arkansas Professional Bail Bond Licensing Board office, 101 East Capitol, Suite 117, Little Rock, AR 72201. You may also access it on the Arkansas Professional Bail Bond Licensing Board’s website at <https://arbailbonds.statesolutions.us/>. All public comments should be addressed to Executive Director, Arkansas Bail Bond Licensing Board, 101 East Capitol, Suite 117, Little Rock, AR 72201 and should be received no later than July 28, 2020.