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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1077

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5 By: Representative Hudson  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCARCERATION OF A VETERAN OF  
10 THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES; TO PROVIDE FOR  
11 NOTIFICATION TO THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS  
12 AFFAIRS OF THE INCARCERATION OF A VETERAN; AND FOR  
13 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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18 VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED  
19 FORCES; AND TO PROVIDE FOR NOTIFICATION  
20 TO THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS  
21 AFFAIRS OF THE INCARCERATION OF A  
22 VETERAN.  
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 29, Subchapter 1, is  
27 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

28 12-29-121. Notification required for incarceration of veteran of the  
29 United States Armed Forces.

30 (a)(1) Within thirty (30) days of the initial incarceration of a  
31 veteran of the United States Armed Forces whose sentence of incarceration is  
32 sixty (60) days or more, the administrator of the correctional facility with  
33 custody of the veteran shall mail written notice of the veteran's  
34 incarceration to the Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs.

35 (2) At least sixty (60) days prior to the release from  
36 incarceration of a veteran of the United States Armed Forces whose sentence



1 of incarceration is sixty (60) days or more, the administrator of the  
2 correctional facility with custody of the veteran shall mail written notice  
3 of the veteran's release from incarceration to the Arkansas Department of  
4 Veterans Affairs.

5 (b)(1) The Department of Corrections and the sheriff of each county  
6 shall inquire as a part of the intake procedure for each inmate whether the  
7 inmate is a veteran of the United States Armed Forces.

8 (2) The Department of Corrections and the sheriff of each county  
9 shall develop procedures to ensure compliance with this section, including  
10 the use of a form designated for the notification of incarceration of a  
11 veteran by the Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs.

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13 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 41, Subchapter 1, is  
14 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

15 12-41-111. Notification required for incarceration of veteran of the  
16 United States Armed Forces.

17 (a)(1) Within thirty (30) days of the initial incarceration of a  
18 veteran of the United States Armed Forces whose sentence of incarceration is  
19 sixty (60) days or more, the administrator of the correctional facility with  
20 custody of the veteran shall mail written notice of the veteran's  
21 incarceration to the Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs.

22 (2) At least sixty (60) days prior to the release from  
23 incarceration of a veteran of the United States Armed Forces whose sentence  
24 of incarceration is sixty (60) days or more, the administrator of the  
25 correctional facility with custody of the veteran shall mail written notice  
26 of the veteran's release from incarceration to the Arkansas Department of  
27 Veterans Affairs.

28 (b)(1) The sheriff of each county and chief of police responsible for  
29 each city jail shall inquire as a part of the intake procedure for each  
30 inmate whether the inmate is a veteran of the United States Armed Forces.

31 (2) The sheriff of each county and chief of police responsible  
32 for each city jail shall develop procedures to ensure compliance with this  
33 section, including the use of a form designated for the notification of  
34 incarceration of a veteran by the Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs.

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