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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1282

5 By: Representatives J. Richardson, L. Johnson, Hudson, Maddox
6 By: Senator J. Boyd
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8
9 AN ACT CONCERNING THE UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF LAW;
10 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 CONCERNING THE UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF
14 LAW.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-22-501(a), concerning the intended
20 benefit that is required as an element of the unauthorized practice of law,
21 is amended to read as follows:

22 (a) A person commits an offense if, with intent to obtain a ~~direct~~ any
23 economic benefit for himself or herself, the person:

24 (1) Contracts with any person to represent that person with
25 regard to personal causes of action for property damages or personal injury;

26 (2) Advises any person as to the person's rights and the
27 advisability of making claims for personal injuries or property damages;

28 (3) Advises any person as to whether or not to accept an offered
29 sum of money in settlement of claims for personal injuries or property
30 damages;

31 (4) Enters into any contract with another person to represent
32 that person in personal injury or property damage matters on a contingent fee
33 basis with an attempted assignment of a portion of the person's cause of
34 action;

35 (5) Enters into any contract, except a contract of insurance,
36 with a third person which purports to grant the exclusive right to select and



1 retain legal counsel to represent the individual in any legal proceeding; or
2 (6) Contacts any person by telephone or in person for the
3 purpose of soliciting business which is legal in nature, as set forth above.
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