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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 830 2 AMENDMENT NO. . Amend House Bill 830, AS AMENDED, with reference to page and line numbers of Senate Amendment No. 3 4 7, on page 1, line 7 by changing "Section 8-2001" to "Sections 8-2001 and 8-2005"; and 5 on page 5, by inserting after line 26 the following: 6 7 "(735 ILCS 5/8-2005) Sec. 8-2005. Attorney's records. This Section applies only 8 if a client and his or her authorized attorney have complied 10 with all applicable legal requirements regarding examination and copying of client files, including but not limited to 11 12 satisfaction of expenses and attorney retaining liens. Upon the request of a client, an attorney shall permit the 13 14 client's authorized attorney to examine and copy the records

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the client, with the exception of attorney work product. The

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request for examination and copying of the records shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the attorney. Within a reasonable time after the attorney receives the written request, the attorney shall comply with the written request at his or her office or any other place designated by him or her. At the time of copying, the person requesting the records shall reimburse the attorney for all reasonable expenses, including the costs of independent copy service companies, incurred by the attorney in connection with the copying not to exceed a \$20 handling charge for processing the request, and the actual postage or shipping charges, if any, plus (1) for paper copies 75 cents per page for the first through 25th pages, 50 cents per page for the 26th through 50th pages, and 25 cents per page for all pages in excess of 50 (except that the charge shall not exceed \$1.25 per page for any copies made from microfiche or microfilm; records retrieved from scanning, digital imaging, electronic information or other digital format do not qualify microfiche or microfilm retrieval for purposes calculating charges); and (2) for electronic records, retrieved from a scanning, digital imaging, electronic information or other digital format in a electronic document, a charge of 50% of the per page charge for paper copies under subdivision (d)(1). This per page charge includes the cost of 75 cents for each CD Rom, DVD, or other storage media. Records already maintained in an electronic or digital format shall be provided in an electronic format when so requested. If the records system does not allow for the creation or transmission of an electronic or digital record, then the attorney shall inform the requester in writing of the reason the records can not be provided electronically. The written explanation may be included with the production of paper copies, if the requester chooses to order paper copies. These rates shall be automatically adjusted as set forth in Section 8-2006. The attorney may, however, charge for the reasonable cost of all duplication of record material or information that cannot routinely be copied or duplicated on a standard commercial photocopy machine such as pictures.

An attorney shall satisfy the requirements of this Section within 60 days after he or she receives a request from a client or his or her authorized attorney. An attorney who fails to comply with the time limit requirement of this Section shall be required to pay expenses and reasonable attorney's fees incurred in connection with any court-ordered enforcement of the requirements of this Section.

19 (Source: P.A. 92-228, eff. 9-1-01; 09500SB0472ham001.)".