## Session 106 - (1985-1986)

**H*2383 (Rat #0287, Act #0189 of 1985) General Bill, By House Judiciary**

A Bill to amend Title 38, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to insurance, by adding Chapter 63 so as to define terms relating to bail bondsmen and runners; to provide the power and authority for the Chief Insurance Commissioner, clerks of court, and the State Law Enforcement Division to administer the provisions of Chapter 63; to provide for the situations under which bail bonds are valid; to provide for the qualifications of each surety; to provide for surrender of the defendant; to provide for a forfeiture judgment against a principal or his surety; to provide for the licensing of professional bondsmen or runners; to provide for expiration and renewal of the licenses; to provide for license fees; to provide the situations under which the Commissioner may deny, suspend, revoke, refuse to renew any license, or require the licensee to pay a civil penalty; to provide for notice, opportunity to be heard, an appeal when a license is refused, suspended, or revoked, or a renewal refused; to provide for limitations on the actions of bail bondsmen or runners; to provide for acceptance of collateral by bail bondsmen; to provide for persons not allowed to become a surety or agent for bonding companies or professional bondsmen or to have an interest in firms or corporations whose principal business is acting as bondsmen; to provide for the power of attorney given by bail bondsmen; to provide for notification to the Commissioner and clerk of court of any county where the bondsman is doing business of surety bondsmen appointed by each insurer; to provide for the return of a license when bondsmen discontinue writing bail bonds; to provide for appointment of runners by bail bondsmen; to provide for the depositing of bail in original and new undertakings; to provide for the registering of licenses by professional bail bondsmen and powers of appointment by surety bondsmen; to provide for the deposit of securities by bondsmen acting as sureties on bail bonds which are to be held in trust by the clerk of court of the county in which the bondsman has his primary place of business; to provide for the power of attorney authorizing the clerk of court to sell or transfer securities deposited by professional bondsmen; to provide for notice of deficiency of security deposits to the bondsmen by the clerk of court; to provide for the reports regarding bail bonds to be filed by the bondsmen; to provide for visits by the Commissioner to bail bondsmen; to provide that bondsmen may not act as sureties on any bail bond whose sum is in excess of one-half of the value of the deposited securities; to provide penalties for violations; and to provide that no bail bondsman or runner is required to be licensed until two hundred seventy days after the Governor's approval.-amended title

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| **02/12/85** | **House** | **Introduced, read first time, placed on calendar without reference HJ-652** |
| **02/14/85** | **House** | **Debate adjourned until Wednesday, February 20, 1985 HJ-808** |
| **02/20/85** | **House** | **Read second time HJ-891** |
| **02/21/85** | **House** | **Read third time and sent to Senate HJ-957** |
| **02/26/85** | **Senate** | **Introduced and read first time SJ-645** |
| **02/26/85** | **Senate** | **Referred to Committee on Judiciary SJ-646** |
| **04/17/85** | **Senate** | **Committee report: Favorable Judiciary SJ-1541** |
| **04/18/85** | **Senate** | **Read second time SJ-1606** |
| **04/18/85** | **Senate** | **Ordered to third reading with notice of amendments SJ-1606** |
| **05/09/85** | **Senate** | **Special order SJ-2021** |
| **06/04/85** | **Senate** | **Amended SJ-2780** |
| **06/04/85** | **Senate** | **Read third time SJ-2797** |
| **06/04/85** | **Senate** | **Returned SJ-2797** |
| **06/04/85** | **House** | **Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled HJ-3874** |
| **06/06/85** | **House** | **Recalled from Legislative Council HJ-4020** |
| **06/06/85** | **House** | **Reconsider vote whereby House concurred in amendments HJ-4046** |
| **06/06/85** | **House** | **Senate amendment amended HJ-4048** |
| **06/06/85** | **House** | **Returned HJ-4048** |
| **06/06/85** | **Senate** | **Concurred in House amendment and enrolled SJ-2907** |
| **06/18/85** | | **Ratified R 287** |
| **06/20/85** | | **Signed By Governor** |
| **06/20/85** | | **Effective date 06/20/85** |
| **06/20/85** | | **Act No. 189** |
| **06/20/85** | | **See Act for exceptions to effective date** |
| **07/10/85** | | **Copies available** |