

Session 114 - (2001-2002)

H 3412 General Bill, By Knotts

Summary: Bail bondsmen, runners; definitions, application requirements, identification pictures by Insurance Department; Courts

A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 53, TITLE 38, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO BAIL BONDSMEN AND RUNNERS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITIONS OF "ACCOMMODATION BONDSMAN", "BAIL BONDSMAN", "RUNNER", AND "SURETY"; TO REVISE THE CONDITIONS UPON WHICH A SURETY MAY BE RELIEVED ON A BOND; TO REVISE THE CONDITIONS UPON WHICH A BOND MUST BE FORFEITED AND THE PAYMENT OF AN ESTREATMENT; TO REQUIRE THAT A PERSON FILING AN APPLICATION TO BE LICENSED AS A PROFESSIONAL BONDSMAN OR RUNNER MUST HAVE THE FINGERPRINTS AND PHOTOGRAPH HE SUBMITS WITH HIS APPLICATION CERTIFIED BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, AND PROVIDE THAT A BAIL BONDSMAN OR RUNNER MAY ASSIST ANY OTHER BONDING AGENT OR AGENCY IN LOCATING, APPREHENDING, AND RETURNING ANY DEFENDANT WHO HAS VIOLATED A CONDITION OF A BOND; TO PROVIDE THAT AN APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE TO BECOME A RUNNER MUST SHOW THAT HE IS ENDORSED BY A LICENSED BAIL BONDSMAN WHO HAS OBLIGATED HIMSELF TO SUPERVISE HIS ACTIVITIES, AND TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT HE MUST SHOW THAT HE WILL BE EMPLOYED BY ONLY ONE BAIL BONDSMAN WHO WILL SUPERVISE HIS WORK AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS CONDUCT IN THE BAIL BOND BUSINESS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE MUST ISSUE A PICTURE IDENTIFICATION TO A LICENSED BAIL BONDSMAN; AND TO PROVIDE THAT A COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWN SHALL NOT LICENSE OR LEVY A LICENSE TAX ON BAIL BONDSMEN AND MAY NOT REQUIRE A BONDSMAN TO DEPOSIT COLLATERAL SECURITY AS A CONDITION FOR CONTINUING TO WRITE BAIL BONDS.

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