

Session 120 - (2013-2014)

H 5083 General Bill, By Tallon and Bannister

Summary: Bail Bondsmen

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 38-53-130 SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS OF FIRST YEAR SURETY BONDSMEN AND THEIR SUPERVISING BONDSMEN; TO AMEND SECTION 38-53-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING BAIL BONDSMEN, SO AS TO ADD A NECESSARY DEFINITION; TO AMEND SECTION 38-53-60, RELATING TO THE SURRENDER OF DEFENDANTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE SURETIES MAY ARREST DEFENDANTS BEFORE FORFEITURE AND MAY ASSIST OTHER SURETY BONDSMEN APPOINTED WITH THE SAME INSURER; TO AMEND SECTION 38-53-85, RELATING TO EDUCATIONAL AND EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS, SO AS TO INCREASE REQUIRED EDUCATION HOURS TO EIGHTY AND TO REQUIRE FIRST YEAR SURETY BONDSMEN TO GIVE THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE THE NAMES AND LICENSE NUMBERS OF THEIR SUPERVISING SURETY BONDSMEN; TO AMEND SECTION 38-53-90, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE OF PROFESSIONAL BONDSMEN, SURETY BONDSMEN, AND RUNNERS, SO AS TO REVISE THE EDUCATION, TRAINING, EXPERIENCE, AND RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 38-53-320, RELATING TO EXAMINATION OF THE BUSINESS-RELATED BOOKS AND PAPERWORK OF PROFESSIONAL BONDSMEN, THEIR AGENTS, OR THEIR RUNNERS BY THE DEPARTMENT, SO AS TO APPLY THESE PROVISIONS TO SURETY BONDSMEN AND TO PROVIDE THAT PROFESSIONAL BONDSMEN AND SURETY BONDSMEN SHALL MAINTAIN AN OFFICE AND THAT THIS OFFICE MUST BE ACCESSIBLE DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS, AND TO REQUIRE A BONDSMAN SHALL PROVIDE THE STREET ADDRESS AND MAILING ADDRESS OF THIS OFFICE TO THE DEPARTMENT AND UPDATE CHANGES TO THESE ADDRESSES IN A TIMELY MANNER.

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