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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 38‑53‑190, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DISQUALIFICATION OF A CERTAIN PERSON FROM BEING A SURETY ON A BAIL BOND, SO AS TO EXEMPT A MEMBER OF A MUNICIPAL OR COUNTY COUNCIL, OR A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 38‑53‑190 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 38‑53‑190. (A) ~~No~~ A sheriff, deputy sheriff, other law enforcement officer, judicial official, attorney, parole officer, probation officer, jailer, assistant jailer, employee of any court of this State, or other public employee assigned to duties relating to the administration of the court may notbecome a surety on a bail bond for ~~any~~ a person. ~~No~~ A person covered by this section may not act as agent for ~~any~~ a bonding company or professional bondsman, nor may he have an interest, directly or indirectly, in the financial affairs of ~~any~~ a firm or corporation whose principal business is acting as bondsmen. Nothing in this section prohibits ~~any~~ a person designated ~~above~~ in this subsection from being a surety upon the bond of his spouse, parent, brother, sister, child, or descendant.

(B) The provisions of this section do not apply to a member of a municipal or county council or to a member of the General Assembly.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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