ACT #2026-542

HB302

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By Representative Brown

RFD: Boards, Agencies and Commissions

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Enrolled, An Act,

Relating to bail and surety bonding; to amend Sections 15-13-112, 15-13-159, 15-13-160, 15-13-201, 15-13-202, 15-13-203, 15-13-205, 15-13-210, 15-13-211, and 15-13-217, Code of Alabama 1975; to require the Supreme Court of Alabama to require qualifying power of attorney documents issued by a professional surety company to be attached to all bail bond forms; to require a professional surety bondsman to be licensed for at least three years before he or she could own his or her own professional surety company; to require circuit clerks to report the authorized professional bail bond companies within 30 days of the close of annual recertification; to provide that a professional bail company may only guarantee payments to the court through an escrow agreement; to define the terms "apprentice" and "employee"; to extend the apprentice license expiration to 180 days; to require 19 or 20 year old apprentice bondsmen to complete an instructional course; to provide that judges and clerks appointed by the Governor to the Alabama Bail Bonding Board may be presently serving, supernumerary, or retired; to provide for the appointment of one serving sheriff and one lay person to be appointed by the Governor to the Alabama Bail Bonding Board; to remove the requirement that a chair and vice chair be elected each time a new member is appointed to the Alabama Bail Bonding Board; to impose late fees on renewal applications; to provide an additional late fee for license renewal fees paid after the deadline; to require bondsman

license applicants to be a resident of this state; to provide a process for placing a bondsman license in inactive status and reverting to active status; and to make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing code language to current style.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Sections 15-13-112, 15-13-159, 15-13-160, 15-13-201, 15-13-202, 15-13-203, 15-13-205, 15-13-210, 15-13-211, and 15-13-217, Code of Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

"§15-13-112

The Supreme Court of Alabama shall prescribe the different forms used for bail bonds and shall publish the forms in the Alabama Rules of Criminal Procedure. The supreme court shall require an original qualifying power of attorney to be attached to all bail bond forms. The original qualifying power of attorney shall: (i) be issued by a professional surety company; and (ii) specify the names of all agents that may execute and bind the company to a bail undertaking and any applicable limitations of the agents. The ~~Supreme Court~~supreme court may change the forms from time to time as the court deems necessary but the forms and their terms shall conform to the terms of this chapter or any other laws of the State of Alabama."

"§15-13-159

(a) No professional surety company shall execute or become surety on any appearance bond in this state, unless it has an order granting authorization to become professional

surety on any bail. The order granting the authorization shall be reissued annually, prior to January 1 of each year, by the presiding circuit judge of the county in which the company desires to execute bail or appearance bonds. Prior to the judge's issuance of the original order and no later than December 1 of each year, thereafter, professional surety companies shall submit annually to the presiding circuit judge the following:

(1) An original or certified copy of a certificate of authority or certificate of compliance from the Department of Insurance reflecting that the company is qualified to write a bail line of insurance and that the company is in good standing with the department.

(2) An original qualifying power of attorney issued by the professional surety company, specifying any applicable limitations and the names of the agents that may execute and bind the company to a bail undertaking. The qualifying power of attorney shall not name any company, corporation, or other entity as an agent except a person as defined as a professional bondsman in Division 1, Section 15-13-100, and that person shall be an agent of the company licensed with the Department of Insurance.

(3) A copy of the license issued by the Department of Insurance of each agent who is named in or appointed by the qualifying power of attorney in subdivision (2) or a letter or other documentation from the department indicating that the appointed agents are temporarily licensed as agents of the professional surety company for those lines of insurance.

(4) An affidavit or certification in writing, under oath, executed by a licensed agent of the professional surety company who is the manager or an owner or president of a corporation, company, partnership, or other entity that represents the professional surety company, filed with the clerk of the circuit court of each county in which the professional surety company executes or becomes surety on appearance bonds, stating the following:

a. That all appearance bonds shall be executed in the name of the professional surety company as surety by the agents listed or appointed in the qualifying power of attorney presented to the court or any other qualifying powers of attorney filed with the circuit clerk of the county.

b. That all agents listed or appointed in the qualifying powers of attorney shall be licensed by the Department of Insurance, prior to their appointments.

c. That any agency, company, corporation, or other entity that represents the professional surety company in the county, has no owners or other persons having a direct or indirect financial interest in such agency, company, corporation, or other entity, that have been convicted of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude. If any ~~person~~individual having a direct or indirect financial interest in such agency, company, corporation, or other entity has been convicted of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude, then the affidavit or certification shall certify that there has been such conviction, providing the name of the ~~person~~individual convicted, and certify that the

~~person~~individual convicted has been pardoned or has had a restoration of civil rights.

d. That the professional surety company has no knowledge of forfeitures or delinquent bail bond posting fees that have been final for more than 30 days and that have not been paid to the clerk of the court arising out of surety undertaking, and that the professional surety company has no petitions, motions, or other litigation matters pending.

e. That no agents of the professional surety company who have the authority to execute appearance bonds in its behalf or any person having a financial interest, direct or indirect, in the ownership or management of any agency, company, corporation, or other entity that represents the professional surety company in the execution of appearance bonds, is an attorney, a judicial official, a person authorized to accept an appearance bond, or an agent of an attorney, judicial official, or person authorized to accept an appearance bond.

f. The names and addresses of all persons, officers, employees, and agents of the agency, company, corporation, or other entity that represents the professional surety company becoming surety on appearance bonds who have a direct or indirect financial interest in the agency, company, corporation, or other entity representing the professional surety company and the nature and extent of each interest.

g. That those persons stated in this section have not, within a period of two years, violated any provisions of this chapter or any rules adopted by the Supreme Court of Alabama

in accordance with this chapter.

(5) A copy of the current license issued by the Alabama Professional Bail Bonding Board pursuant to the Alabama Bail Bond Regulatory Act, Article 8.

(b)(1) Not more than 30 days after the presiding circuit court judge of the county issues the order granting authorization to professional surety companies, the circuit clerk shall prepare a list of authorized surety companies. The list shall include all of the following information:

a. The name of each authorized surety company.

b. The name of each owner attached to each authorized surety company.

c. All final forfeitures and bail bond posting fees owed to the court by each surety company which are more than 30 days past due.

(2) The circuit clerk shall submit the list of authorized surety companies to the presiding judge of the circuit and the Alabama Professional Bail Bonding Board.

(c) A professional surety bondsman may not own a professional surety company until he or she has been licensed as a professional surety bondsman for at least three years. If the owner of a professional surety company dies or becomes completely incapacitated, as determined by the board, his or her professional surety company may be sold to an unlicensed individual. The unlicensed individual shall have 90 calendar days, from date of purchase, to obtain a license and shall employ a minimum of one employee who has been licensed for at least three consecutive years."

"§15-13-160.

(a) No professional bail company shall execute or become surety on any appearance bond in this state, unless the company has an order granting authorization to become professional surety on any bail. The order granting authorization shall be reissued annually prior to January 1 of each year by the presiding circuit judge of the county in which the company desires to execute bail or appearance bonds. Prior to the judge's issuance of the original order and no later than December 1 of each year, thereafter, professional bail companies shall submit annually to the presiding circuit judge the following:

(1)a. An ~~original corporate surety bond or~~ escrow agreement, filed and approved by the presiding circuit judge of the county in which the professional bail company executes or becomes surety on appearance bonds, in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000), guaranteeing the payment of all sums of money that may become due by virtue of any judgment absolute that may be rendered against the professional bail company on a forfeiture entered by any court in the county. Corporate surety bonds shall be executed only by a surety company that at the time is operating and authorized to do business in ~~the~~ this state and qualified to write bonds by the Department of Insurance. The corporate surety bond shall provide that it may be cancelled as to any future liability by the corporate surety company or the professional bail company by giving 30 ~~days~~days' prior written notice of the cancellation to the clerk of the circuit court

in which the bond or instrument was filed. A bank in this state shall be a party to all escrow agreements, and those agreements shall provide that the agreement may be cancelled as to any future liability only by the professional bail company and bank by giving 30 ~~days~~days' prior written notice of the cancellation to the clerk of the circuit court in which the escrow agreement or instrument is filed. Once a professional bail company has filed an original continuous corporate surety bond or escrow agreement with the circuit clerk and it has been approved by the presiding circuit judge, then the professional bail company does not have to file any other original continuous corporate surety bond or escrow agreement upon annual recertification. The professional bail company shall submit an original certificate from the insurance company that executed the corporate surety bond reflecting that it is still in force or an original letter from the bank stating the escrow agreement is still effective and the monies are still held in trust. When any professional bail company is annually recertifying, the circuit clerk shall send the original corporate surety bond or original escrow agreement with any cancellations received by the circuit clerk to the presiding circuit judge for review and approval.

b. Any new ~~original corporate surety bond or~~ escrow agreement made on or after ~~September 1, 2023~~October 1, 2026, in a county with a population of 200,000 or more, shall require ~~a surety bond or~~ an escrow agreement in the amount of ~~fifty thousand dollars ($50,000)~~one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000). Any new escrow agreement made on or after October

1, 2026, in a county with a population of less than 200,000, shall require an escrow agreement in the amount of fifty thousand dollars ($50,000). This paragraph does not affect any corporate surety bond or escrow agreement made before ~~September 1, 2023~~October 1, 2026. Current escrow agreements and corporate surety bonds shall remain at twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000) for any renewal thereafter. If a professional bail company transfers its escrow agreement to a different bank with the court's approval, the escrow rate shall remain the same.

(2) An original qualifying power of attorney, letter, or other document issued by the professional bail company specifying any applicable limitations and specifying the agents who are authorized to execute and bind the professional bail company to a bail undertaking or to appearance bonds. The qualifying power of attorney, letter, or other document may only name persons as agents.

(3) An original affidavit or certificate in writing, under oath, executed by an owner or officer of a professional bail company, to the clerk of the circuit court of the county in which the professional bail company shall execute or become surety on appearance bonds which contains all of the following:

a. That all appearance bonds shall be executed in the name of the professional bail company as surety by the agents listed or appointed in the qualifying power of attorney, letter, or other document presented to the court or any other person so named in any future qualifying powers of attorney,

letters, or documents filed with the circuit clerk of the county.

b. That the professional bail company is qualified to do business in this state and its resident address.

c. That the professional bail company has sufficient financial net worth to satisfy its obligations as a surety.

d. That no person having a direct or indirect financial interest in the professional bail company has been convicted of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any person having a direct or indirect financial interest in the bonding business has been convicted of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude, then the person making the certification shall certify that there has been a conviction, provide the name of the person convicted, and certify that the person convicted has been pardoned or has had a restoration of civil rights.

e. That the professional bail company has no knowledge of any forfeiture or delinquent bail bond posting fees that ~~has~~have been made final for more than 30 days and that ~~has~~have not been paid arising out of surety undertakings and as to which the professional bail company has no petitions, motions, or other litigation matters pending.

f. That there are no persons, including employees, agents, or persons with a financial interest in the professional bail company, who, within a period of two years, violated this chapter, or any rules adopted by the Supreme Court governing the qualifications of professional surety or bail companies.

g. That no employee, agent, or any other person having a direct or indirect financial interest in the professional bail company is an attorney, a judicial official, a person authorized to accept an appearance bond, or an agent of an attorney, judicial official, or person authorized to accept an appearance bond.

h. The names and addresses of all officers, employees, and agents of the professional bail company who have a direct or indirect financial interest in the professional bail company and the nature and extent of each interest.

(b) (1) Not more than 30 days after the presiding circuit court judge of the county issues the order granting authorization to professional bail companies, the circuit clerk shall prepare a list of authorized bail bond companies. The list shall include all of the following information:

a. The name of each authorized bail bond company.

b. The name of each owner attached to each authorized bail bond company.

c. All final forfeitures and bail bond posting fees owed to the court by each company which are more than 30 days past due.

(2) The circuit clerk shall also submit the list of authorized bail bond companies to the presiding judge of the circuit and the Alabama Professional Bail Bonding Board.

(c) A professional bondsman may not own a professional bail company until he or she has been licensed as a professional bondsman for at least three years. If the owner of a professional bail company dies or becomes completely

incapacitated, as determined by the board, his or her professional bail bond company may be sold to an unlicensed individual. The unlicensed individual shall have 90 calendar days, from date of purchase, to obtain a license and shall employ a minimum of one employee who has been licensed for at least three consecutive years."

"§15-13-201

For the purposes of this article, the following terms ~~shall~~ have the following meanings:

(1) APPRENTICE. Any individual working directly for and under the direct supervision of a fully-licensed professional bail bondsman, professional surety bondsman, or recovery agent, who is engaged in the bail bond or professional surety business, and who has been granted an apprentice license by the board.

~~(1)~~ (2) BOARD. Alabama Professional Bail Bonding Board.

(3) EMPLOYEE. a. Any individual who engages in the performance of any of the duties of or for a professional bail company or professional surety company, including, but not limited to, clerical, stenographic, investigative, or administrative duties, or any other work or responsibilities under the contract of hire, express or implied, oral or written, where the employer has the authority or right to control or direct the employee in how the duties, work, or responsibilities are carried out or performed.

b. The term includes any individual who has communication or interaction with potential or actual customers and any individual who is working as an apprentice.

c. The term does not include any person whose bail bondsman license has been revoked.

~~(2)~~ (4) PROFESSIONAL BAIL COMPANY. A person, individual proprietor, partnership corporation, or other entity, other than a professional surety company, that furnishes bail or becomes surety for a person on an appearance bond and does so for a valuable consideration.

~~(3)~~ (5) PROFESSIONAL BONDSMAN. Any individual or agent who is employed by a professional bail company or professional surety company to solicit and execute appearance bonds or actively seek bail bond business for or on behalf of a professional bail company, including any individual who has a direct or indirect ownership interest in a professional bail company.

~~(4)~~ (6) PROFESSIONAL SURETY BONDSMAN. Any individual who is employed by a professional surety company to solicit and execute appearance bonds or actively seek bail bond business for or on behalf of a professional surety company, including any individual who has a direct or indirect ownership interest in a professional surety company.

~~(5)~~ (7) PROFESSIONAL SURETY COMPANY. An insurance company, domestic or foreign corporation, or association engaged in the business of insurance, or a surety with a bail line of insurance to which has been issued a certificate of authority or certificate of compliance by the Department of Insurance to execute appearance bonds or bail bonds in criminal cases in the state.

~~(6)~~ (8) RECOVERY AGENT. Any individual, other than an

attorney or law enforcement officer, utilized by a professional surety company, professional bail company, or professional bondsman to apprehend a defendant who was released on bail and who violated the terms of his or her bail."

"§15-13-202

(a) An individual may not hold himself or herself out to the public as a professional bondsman or a professional surety bondsman, operate as a recovery agent, or use any term, title, or abbreviation that expresses, infers, or implies that the individual is licensed as a professional bondsman unless the individual at the time holds a valid license as a professional bondsman as provided in this article.

(b) All applicants shall pass an examination, unless exempted by this article, based on criteria established by the Alabama Professional Bail Bonding Board and established under Section 15-13-203 and shall comply with the continuing education requirements established by this article.

(c) The board may issue an apprentice license, which expires ~~120~~180 days after issuance, to any applicant who satisfies all criteria for licensure except passing the examination. The board may require an applicant for ~~licensure~~a license as an apprentice to sign an affidavit, on a form provided by the board, attesting that the applicant has no felony convictions. An apprentice license shall only be issued once, and a licensee who has previously possessed a professional license may not receive a subsequent apprentice license. The board, by rule, may also provide an age exception

to allow any applicant who is 19 or 20 years of age to work as an apprentice until he or she reaches ~~the age of~~ 21 years of age. Before the expiration of his or her apprentice license, an apprentice who is 19 or 20 years of age shall complete an eight-hour continuing education instructional course conducted by an educational provider approved by the Alabama Professional Bail Bonding Board, at no cost to the apprentice. The board may charge a fee, not exceeding fifty dollars ($50), for an apprentice license.

(d) An apprentice may perform all duties without direct supervision, except for the apprehension of a fugitive. An apprentice shall have his or her license available at all times."

"§15-13-203

(a) The Alabama Professional Bail Bonding Board is created to administer and enforce this article. The board shall consist of all of the following members:

(1) Seven professional bondsmen, one from each of the seven congressional districts of the state, nominated by the Alabama Bail Bond Association and appointed by the Governor from a list of not more than four nominees for each position on the board. For the initial terms of office, the President of the Alabama Bail Bond Association shall be the professional bondsman member of the board who represents the congressional district in which he or she resides. Each professional bondsman member appointed to the board shall be the owner of a professional bail bond company with at least five years of experience. Except as otherwise provided, no two professional

bondsman members shall reside in the same congressional district. If no professional bondsman is available for nomination by the Alabama Bail Bond Association for a congressional district, the Alabama Bail Bond Association shall provide a list of four professional bondsman nominees from the state ~~at large~~at-large to the Governor for that congressional district, and the Governor shall appoint one of those nominees to fill that position on the board.

(2) One ~~serving~~ circuit, district, or municipal court judge, who is presently serving, supernumerary, or retired, nominated by the Alabama Bail Bond Association and appointed by the Governor from a list of four nominees.

(3) One ~~serving~~ circuit or municipal court clerk, who is presently serving, supernumerary, or retired, nominated by the ~~Alabama Bail Bond Association~~Alabama Circuit Clerks Association and appointed by the Governor from a list of four nominees.

(4) One serving sheriff, nominated by the Alabama Sheriff's Association and appointed by the Governor from a list of four nominees.

(5) One lay person, nominated by the Alabama Bail Bond Association and appointed by the Governor from a list of four nominees.

(b) The appointments to the board shall be for terms of four years. The nominating and appointing authorities shall coordinate their nominations and appointments ~~so that diversity of gender, race, and geographical areas is reflective~~to assure the membership is inclusive and reflects

the racial, gender, geographic, urban, rural, and economic diversity of the ~~makeup of this~~ state. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment of the Governor for the unexpired portion of the term.

(c) The board, pursuant to the Alabama Administrative Procedure Act, Chapter 22 of Title 41, shall adopt and enforce reasonable rules as the board determines necessary to effectively and efficiently carry out its official duty of licensing and regulating professional bail bond companies and professional bondsmen.

(d) Each member of the board shall receive travel and per diem compensation for expenses incurred in the conduct of official duties while attending meetings and transacting the business of the board, in accordance with applicable state travel and per diem paid to state employees. The compensation of members shall be paid from funds available to the board in the same manner as other expenses are paid."

"§15-13-205

At the initial meeting of the board ~~and each time a new member is appointed to the board~~, the members of the board shall select from among their members a ~~president~~chair to preside over meetings of the board, a vice ~~president~~chair to preside in the absence of the ~~president~~chair, and a secretary."

"§15-13-210

(a) An application and all information on an application for ~~licensure~~a license pursuant to this article shall be treated as confidential and shall be filed with the

board on forms prescribed by the board. The application shall include all of the following information of the applicant:

(1) His or her full name.

(2) His or her date of birth.

(3) All residences during the immediate past five years.

(4) All employment or occupations engaged in during the immediate past five years.

(5) A list of convictions and pending charges involving a felony or misdemeanor in any jurisdiction.

(b)(1) On or before September 1 each year, the board shall send an email reminder to each licensee stating that the last day for submitting an application for a license renewal is September 30 of that year.

(2) Failure to submit a renewal application by September 30 shall result in a late application fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars ($125)."

"§15-13-211

Each individual applicant shall meet all of the following criteria, demonstrating that he or she:

(1) Is at least 21 years of age.

(2) Has not been declared by any court of competent jurisdiction as incompetent by reason of mental defect or disease unless a court of competent jurisdiction has subsequently declared the applicant competent.

(3) Has not been convicted of a crime of moral turpitude, with the board having the final determination on the interpretation of moral turpitude.

(4) Has not been convicted of a felony.

(5) Has successfully completed ~~pre-licensure~~pre-license education administered by an educational provider approved by the board.

(6) Has been a resident of this state for at least one year, as demonstrated by the applicant's Alabama driver license or Alabama nondriver identification card."

"§15-13-217

(a) A professional bondsman, professional surety bondsman, or recovery agent commencing business in any judicial circuit in this state on and after June 1, 2020, shall attend a 16-hour instructional course conducted by an educational provider approved by the board and pass an examination approved by the board and administered by an educational provider approved by the board. Upon completion of the course and passage of the examination, the individual shall be awarded a ~~pre-licensure~~pre-license examination certificate by the board, copies of which may be submitted to the presiding circuit judge, or other judicial authority, along with the other requirements set forth in Section 15-13-159 or Section 15-13-160. Those professional bondsmen, professional surety bondsmen, and recovery agents doing business immediately prior to June 1, 2020, are exempt from the initial instructional course and examination.

(b) Unless exempted pursuant to subsection (i), a professional bondsman, professional surety bondsman, or recovery agent making an annual filing in any circuit in this state pursuant to Section 15-13-159 or Section 15-13-160 on

and after March 1, 2020, shall first complete eight hours of continuing education conducted by an educational provider approved by the board. A professional bail company owner, who is at least 55 years of age and has five years of experience in the profession, shall only be required to complete four hours of continuing education. The educational provider approved by the board shall provide the board with the name of all professional bondsmen, professional surety bondsmen, or recovery agents completing eight hours of continuing education. Upon completion of the eight hours of continuing education, the individual shall request issuance of an annual continuing education certificate from the board, copies of which may be submitted to the presiding circuit judge along with the other requirements set forth in Section 15-13-159 or Section 15-13-160.

(c) The instructional course, examination, or continuing education courses shall be taught or sponsored by an educational provider approved by the board, which must apply annually for authority to offer such examination or courses.

(d) A list of approved course providers shall be published on the website of the board.

(e) The cost of the instructional course shall be set by the approved course provider but shall not exceed five hundred dollars ($500) per course. Upon completion of the instructional course, the approved course provider shall issue an instructional course completion certificate in a form approved by the board. This completion certificate, along with

the application fee, must be presented to the board in order to take the ~~pre-licensure~~pre-license examination. An instructional course completion certificate shall be valid for a period of 12 months.

(f) The cost of continuing education courses shall be set by the approved course provider but shall not exceed seventy-five dollars ($75) per hour. Any fee required to be paid by a course provider for reporting continuing education course completion to the board may be added to the maximum charges provided in this subsection.

(g) Each professional bondsman, professional surety bondsman, and recovery agent must renew his or her certification with the board by completing eight hours of approved continuing education prior to September 30 each year. Late renewal within the next 12 months may be had by completing the eight hours of continuing education and paying a renewal license fee of twice the amount otherwise required. If a professional bondsman, professional surety bondsman, or recovery agent fails to renew a certification for a 12-month period, the professional bondsman, professional surety bondsman, or recovery agent will be required to take the instructional course and examination to again become certified.

(h) The board, by rule, shall set the fees to be paid to the board in the administration of this section, not to exceed the maximum amounts set forth below:

(1)a. Application fee for a professional bondsman, professional surety bondsman, or a recovery agent, a

nonrefundable fee to be paid to take the examination and for the issuance of the ~~pre-licensure~~pre-license examination certificate, per examination attempt: Up to five hundred dollars ($500).

b. Application fee for a professional bail company or a professional surety company, a nonrefundable fee to be paid for the issuance of an initial license: Up to five hundred dollars ($500). Payment of this fee does not alleviate the requirement that each individual professional bondsman, professional surety bondsman, and recovery agent be licensed under this chapter.

(2)a. Annual license renewal fee for a professional bondsman, professional surety bondsman, or recovery agent, to be paid to receive the annual continuing education certificate: From fifty dollars ($50) up to five hundred dollars ($500).

b. Annual license renewal fee for a professional bail company or a professional surety company, to be paid to receive the renewal license: Up to one hundred dollars ($100).

(3) A late fee to be charged for any late license renewal. The late fee shall be equal to the amount of the license renewal fee.

(4) Renewal of an inactive license: Up to one hundred dollars ($100). The renewal is subject to the following requirements:

a. A licensee may place their license into inactive status at anytime and renew the inactive license during the renewal period.

b. Failure to renew an inactive license will result in a late fee added to the license renewal fee equal to the amount of the license renewal fee.

c. The licensee may revert to active status once they pay for an active license, pass a background check, and complete the continuing education requirements.

(i) Any professional bondsman or professional bail company owner who, on August 1, 2021, is at least 65 years of age and has 15 years of experience in the profession, shall be exempt from the continuing education requirements of this article.

(j) The board shall adopt rules necessary to carry out this section."

Section 2. This act shall become effective on October 1, 2026.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and was passed by the House 26-Feb-26, as amended.

John Treadwell
Clerk

Senate	08-Apr-26	Amended and Passed
House	09-Apr-26	Concurred in Senate Amendment

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Alabama Secretary Of State

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HOUSE ACTION

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE RESOLUTION AS REQUIRED IN SECTION C OF ACT NO. 81-889 WAS ADOPTED AND IS ATTACHED TO THE BILL, H.B. 302

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JOHN TREADWELL, Clerk

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE NOTICE & PROOF IS ATTACHED TO THE BILL, H.B. _____ AS REQUIRED IN THE GENERAL ACTS OF ALABAMA, 1975 ACT NO. 919.

JOHN TREADWELL, Clerk

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

House Conferees _____

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SENATE ACTION

DATE: 2/26 2026

RD 1 RFD Judy

This Bill was referred to the Standing Committe of the Senate on Judy and was acted upon by such Committee i session and is by order of the Committe returned therefrom with a favorable repor w/amend(s) 1 w/sub _____ by a vote of yeas 13 nays 0 abstain 0 this 11th day of March 20 26 Will Barfield, Chair

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DATE: 20___

RE-REFERRED ☐ RE-COMMITTED ☐

Committee _____

I hereby certify that the Resolution as required in Section C of Act No. 81-889 was adopted and is attached to the Bill, HB _____.

YEAS _____ NAYS _____

PATRICK HARRIS, Secretary

FURTHER SENATE ACTION (OVER)