



# HOUSE BILL 446: Amend Statutes Governing Bail Bondsmen

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**Committee:**

**Introduced by:**

**Analysis of:** S.L. 2015-180

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**SUMMARY:** *S.L. 2015-180 makes the following changes to the laws governing bail bondsmen:*

- *Increases the minimum age to qualify for licensure as a bail bondsman or a runner from 18 to 21 years of age.*
- *Lengthens the time within which a bondsman is required to return collateral after termination of liability on the bond from 72 hours to 15 days.*
- *Directs the Commissioner to return the portion of the security deposit in excess of that required to secure outstanding bond liability in the event of death, permanent incapacitation, or other circumstance resulting in the return of a bondsman's license.*
- *Grants bondsmen access to the Administrative Office of the Court's civil records.*

*This act became effective August 5, 2015, and applies to applications for licenses filed on or after that date.*

## **CURRENT LAW AND BILL ANALYSIS:**

**Section 1** amends G.S. 58-71-50 to increase the minimum age to qualify for licensure as a bail bondsman or a runner from 18 to 21 years of age.

**Section 2** amends G.S. 58-71-95 to lengthen the time within which a bondsman is required to return collateral after termination of liability on the bond from 72 hours to 15 days.

**Section 3** amends G.S. 58-71-151 to provide that in the event of death, permanent incapacitation, or other circumstance resulting in the return of a bondsman's license, the Commissioner would return the portion of the security deposit in excess of that required to secure outstanding bond liability.

**Section 4** amends G.S. 58-71-200 to grant bondsmen access to AOC's civil records.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Section 1 is effective August 5, 2015 and applies to applications for licenses filed on or after that date. The remainder of the act is also effective August 5, 2015.

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