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AN ACT CONCERNING PROFESSIONAL BAIL BONDSMEN AND BAIL ENFORCEMENT AGENTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 29-145 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

3 (a) Any person desiring to engage in the business of a professional
4 bondsman shall apply to the Commissioner of Public Safety for a
5 license therefor. Such application shall set forth under oath the full
6 name, age, residence and occupation of the applicant, whether the
7 applicant intends to engage in the business of a professional bondsman
8 individually or in partnership or association with another or others,
9 and, if so, the identity of each. It shall also set forth under oath a
10 statement of the assets and liabilities of the applicant, and whether the
11 applicant has been charged with or convicted of crime, and such other
12 information, including fingerprints and photographs, as said
13 commissioner from time to time may require. The commissioner shall
14 require the applicant to submit to state and national criminal history
15 records checks. The criminal history records checks required pursuant
16 to this section shall be conducted in accordance with section 29-17a.

17 **(b)** No person who has been convicted of a felony or has been
18 convicted, within the preceding seven years, of any misdemeanor
19 under section 21a-279, 53a-58, 53a-61, 53a-61a, 53a-62, 53a-63, 53a-96,
20 53a-173, 53a-175, 53a-176, 53a-178 or 53a-181d or any offense in any
21 other state the essential elements of which are substantially the same
22 as such misdemeanor, shall be licensed to do business as a professional
23 bondsman in this state. No person who has been discharged from the
24 military service under other than honorable conditions shall be
25 licensed to do business as a professional bondsman. No person
26 engaged in law enforcement or vested with police powers shall be
27 licensed to do business as a professional bondsman.

28 **(c)** An applicant for a license under this chapter shall be at least
29 twenty-one years of age and have a high school diploma or a high
30 school equivalency diploma. A license may only be issued to a legal
31 resident of the United States. Each applicant shall attend a prelicensing
32 training course offered by the Commissioner of Public Safety and as
33 specified in regulations adopted by said commissioner in accordance
34 with chapter 54.

35 Sec. 2. Section 29-146 of the general statutes is repealed and the
36 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

37 The Commissioner of Public Safety shall, upon receipt of such
38 application, cause an investigation to be made of the character and
39 financial responsibility of the applicant and, if [he] the commissioner
40 finds that such applicant is a resident elector of good moral character
41 and of sound financial responsibility, [he] and a suitable person to
42 receive a license as a professional bondsman, the commissioner shall,
43 upon payment by such applicant to the state of a license fee of one
44 hundred dollars, issue a license to such applicant to do business in this
45 state as a professional bondsman. The fee shall not be refunded if the
46 application is denied or the applicant cancels the application or fails to
47 provide all necessary information. Each such license shall be for such
48 term not exceeding one year as said commissioner determines. A

49 professional bondsman holding a license issued pursuant to this
50 chapter shall notify the commissioner within two business days of any
51 change of address. The notification shall include the professional
52 bondsman's old address and new address.

53 Sec. 3. Section 29-147 of the general statutes is repealed and the
54 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

55 (a) Each professional bondsman licensed under the provisions of
56 this chapter may apply for a renewal of [his] the license [upon] on
57 renewal application forms provided by the Commissioner of Public
58 Safety. [and requiring] Such forms shall require the disclosure of such
59 information as said commissioner requires in determining whether or
60 not such professional bondsman's financial responsibility remains
61 unimpaired or whether for any other reason such bondsman's [fitness]
62 suitability to continue in such business has been otherwise altered
63 since the issuance of any prior license. The fee for renewal of a license
64 shall be one hundred dollars.

65 (b) Said commissioner may suspend, [for a definite term or] revoke
66 or refuse to renew any license issued under the provisions of this
67 chapter, [if it appears to said commissioner that such licensee has been
68 convicted of a felony in this state or elsewhere or is engaged in any
69 unlawful activity affecting his fitness to continue in the business of
70 professional bondsman or that his financial responsibility has been
71 substantially impaired] provided notice shall have been given to the
72 licensee to appear before the commissioner to show cause why the
73 license should not be suspended, revoked or refused renewal, upon a
74 finding by the commissioner that: (1) The licensee has violated any of
75 the terms or provisions of this chapter or of chapter 533a; (2) the
76 licensee has practiced fraud, deceit or misrepresentation; (3) the
77 licensee has made a material misstatement in the application for
78 issuance or renewal of such license; (4) the licensee has demonstrated
79 incompetence or untrustworthiness in the conduct of the licensee's
80 business; (5) the licensee has been convicted of a felony, a

81 misdemeanor specified in section 29-145, as amended by this act, or
82 any other crime affecting the licensee's honesty, integrity or moral
83 fitness; or (6) the licensee is unsuitable. The suspension or revocation
84 of a professional bondsman's license under this section shall also
85 constitute the revocation of any license as a bail enforcement agent
86 issued to such person pursuant to chapter 533a and any firearm permit
87 issued to such person pursuant to section 29-152m, as amended by this
88 act. Any professional bondsman who fails to surrender such license
89 within five days of notification in writing of such suspension or
90 revocation shall be guilty of a class C misdemeanor. Any party
91 aggrieved by an order of the commissioner under this section may
92 appeal therefrom in accordance with the provisions of section 4-183,
93 except venue for such appeal shall be in the judicial district of
94 Hartford.

95 Sec. 4. Section 29-151 of the general statutes is repealed and the
96 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

97 (a) No such professional bondsman shall charge [for his] a
98 commission or fee of more than fifty dollars for the amount of bail
99 furnished by [him] such professional bondsman up to five hundred
100 dollars, nor more than ten per cent of the amount of bail furnished by
101 [him] such professional bondsman from five hundred dollars up to
102 five thousand dollars, nor more than seven per cent of the amount of
103 bail furnished by [him] such professional bondsman on sums in excess
104 of five thousand dollars. When a professional bondsman has furnished
105 bail to an accused in a criminal proceeding, the fee which [he] the
106 professional bondsman receives therefor shall be credited on account
107 of [his] such professional bondsman's fee for any subsequent bail in an
108 increased amount which [he] such professional bondsman may furnish
109 for the same person in the same criminal proceeding; but this
110 provision shall not apply to bail furnished on appeal of a conviction or
111 bindover of an accused. Each professional bondsman licensed under
112 the provisions of this chapter shall annually, during the month of
113 January, on forms furnished by the Commissioner of Public Safety,

114 report to said commissioner in detail the names of the persons for
115 whom such bondsman has become surety during the year ended
116 December thirty-first preceding, with the date, the amount of bond
117 and the fee charged and paid and such further information as said
118 commissioner requires.

119 (b) All professional bondsmen licensed under this chapter and
120 surety bail bond agents licensed under chapter 700f shall use the
121 services of licensed bail enforcement agents only for apprehending or
122 otherwise taking into custody a principal who has defaulted on a
123 bond.

124 (c) Each professional bondsman licensed under this chapter shall
125 complete a report, on forms furnished by the Commissioner of Public
126 Safety, each time such professional bondsman or a bail enforcement
127 agent working for such professional bondsman apprehends or
128 otherwise delivers into custody a principal who has defaulted on a
129 bond. Such report shall include the name of the principal
130 apprehended, the date and time of the apprehension, the location of
131 the apprehension, the names of all professional bondsmen and bail
132 enforcement agents present and participating in the apprehension, the
133 license number of any bail enforcement agent participating in the
134 apprehension, the name and location of the police department or
135 detention facility to which the principal was surrendered and any
136 other information required by the commissioner. Such report shall be
137 kept on file at the business office of the professional bondsman for a
138 period of not less than five years, and shall be subject to inspection by
139 law enforcement personnel for administrative and investigative
140 purposes during normal business hours.

141 Sec. 5. Section 29-152 of the general statutes is repealed and the
142 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

143 Any person who violates any provision of this chapter shall be
144 [fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more
145 than two years or both and his] guilty of a class D felony and such

146 person's right to engage in the business of a professional bondsman in
147 this state shall thereupon be permanently forfeited.

148 Sec. 6. Section 29-152e of the general statutes is repealed and the
149 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

150 No person shall, as a surety on a bond in a criminal proceeding or
151 an agent of such surety, engage in the business of taking or attempting
152 to take into custody or otherwise locating, transporting or arranging
153 the surrender or apprehension of the principal on the bond who has
154 failed to appear in court and for whom a rearrest warrant or a capias
155 has been issued pursuant to section 54-65a unless such person is
156 licensed as a professional bondsman under chapter 533, a surety bail
157 bond agent under chapter 700f or a bail enforcement agent under
158 [sections 29-152f to 29-152i, inclusive] chapter 533a.

159 Sec. 7. Section 29-152f of the general statutes is repealed and the
160 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

161 (a) Any person desiring to engage in the business of a bail
162 enforcement agent shall apply to the Commissioner of Public Safety for
163 a license therefor. Such application shall set forth under oath the full
164 name, age, date and place of birth, residence and occupation of the
165 applicant. It shall also set forth under oath a statement of whether the
166 applicant has been charged with or convicted of crime, and such other
167 information, including fingerprints and photographs, as required by
168 the commissioner. The fee for applying for such license shall be one
169 hundred dollars. Such fee shall not be refunded if the application is
170 denied or the applicant cancels the application or fails to provide all
171 necessary information. The commissioner shall require the applicant to
172 submit to state and national criminal history records checks. The
173 criminal history records checks required pursuant to this section shall
174 be conducted in accordance with section 29-17a. Within five years
175 prior to the date of application, the applicant shall have successfully
176 completed a course in the criminal justice system consisting of not less
177 than twenty hours of study approved by the commissioner.

178 **(b)** No person who has been convicted of a felony or has been
179 convicted, within the preceding seven years, of any misdemeanor
180 under section 21a-279, 53a-58, 53a-61, 53a-61a, 53a-62, 53a-63, 53a-96,
181 53a-173, 53a-175, 53a-176, 53a-178 or 53a-181d or any offense in any
182 other state the essential elements of which are substantially the same
183 as such misdemeanor, shall be licensed to do business as a bail
184 enforcement agent in this state. No person who has been discharged
185 from military service under other than honorable conditions shall be
186 licensed to do business as a bail enforcement agent in this state. No
187 person engaged in law enforcement or vested with police powers shall
188 be licensed to do business as a bail enforcement agent.

189 **(c)** An applicant for a license under this chapter shall be at least
190 twenty-one years of age and have a high school diploma or a high
191 school equivalency diploma. A license may only be issued to a legal
192 resident of the United States. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall
193 require each applicant to provide evidence of general liability
194 insurance coverage to cover recovery activities and personal injury for
195 false arrest, false imprisonment, libel and slander which coverage shall
196 be in an amount not less than one hundred thousand dollars.

197 Sec. 8. Section 29-152g of the general statutes is repealed and the
198 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

199 **(a)** Upon being satisfied, after investigation, that the applicant is a
200 suitable person to receive a license as a bail enforcement agent, and
201 that the applicant meets the licensing requirements of [section 29-152f]
202 this chapter, the Commissioner of Public Safety may issue a license to
203 such applicant to do business in this state as a bail enforcement agent.
204 [The fee for such license shall be one hundred dollars.] Each such
205 license shall be for such term not exceeding one year as said
206 commissioner determines. Any bail enforcement agent holding a
207 license issued pursuant to this [section or section 29-152h] chapter shall
208 notify the commissioner within two business days of any change of
209 address. The notification shall include the bail enforcement agent's old

210 address and new address.

211 (b) Each person licensed as a bail enforcement agent under the
212 provisions of this chapter shall obtain the approval of the
213 Commissioner of Public Safety for any trade name such licensee
214 intends to use. No trade name that implies any association with any
215 municipal, county, state or federal government or any agency thereof
216 or that may tend to mislead the public shall be used.

217 Sec. 9. Section 29-152h of the general statutes is repealed and the
218 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

219 (a) Each person licensed as a bail enforcement agent under the
220 provisions of [sections 29-152f to 29-152i, inclusive] this chapter, may
221 apply for a renewal of such license [upon] on renewal application
222 forms provided by the Commissioner of Public Safety, [and requiring]
223 Such forms shall require the disclosure of such information as said
224 commissioner requires in determining whether or not such agent's
225 suitability to continue in such business has changed since the issuance
226 of any prior license. The commissioner may also require that, as a
227 condition of the renewal of the license of a bail enforcement agent,
228 such bail enforcement agent attend training consisting of not less than
229 eight hours biennially. The required training shall be as specified in
230 regulations adopted by the commissioner in accordance with chapter
231 54.

232 (b) The fee for renewal of a bail enforcement agent's license shall be
233 one hundred dollars.

234 Sec. 10. Section 29-152i of the general statutes is repealed and the
235 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

236 The Commissioner of Public Safety may suspend, revoke or refuse
237 to renew the license of any bail enforcement agent, provided notice
238 shall have been given to the licensee to appear before the
239 commissioner to show cause why the license should not be suspended,

240 revoked or refused renewal, upon a finding by the commissioner that:
241 (1) The licensee has violated any of the terms or provisions of [sections
242 29-152e to 29-152m, inclusive, or section 38a-660a] chapter 533a or any
243 of the regulations adopted under section 29-152o, as amended by this
244 act; (2) the licensee has practiced fraud, deceit or misrepresentation; (3)
245 the licensee has made a material misstatement in the application for
246 issuance or renewal of such license; (4) the licensee has demonstrated
247 incompetence or untrustworthiness in the conduct of the licensee's
248 business; (5) the licensee has been convicted of a felony, a
249 misdemeanor specified in section 29-152f, as amended by this act, or
250 any other crime affecting the licensee's honesty, integrity or moral
251 fitness; or (6) the licensee is unsuitable. The suspension or revocation
252 of, or the refusal to renew, any bail enforcement agent's license shall
253 also constitute the revocation of the bail enforcement agent's firearms
254 permit issued pursuant to section 29-152m, as amended by this act.
255 Any bail enforcement agent who fails to surrender such license within
256 five days of notification in writing of the suspension or revocation of,
257 or refusal to renew, such license shall be guilty of a class C
258 misdemeanor. Any party aggrieved by an order of the commissioner
259 under this section may appeal therefrom in accordance with the
260 provisions of section 4-183, except venue for such appeal shall be in the
261 judicial district of Hartford.

262 Sec. 11. Section 29-152j of the general statutes is repealed and the
263 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

264 The Commissioner of Public Safety shall furnish to all courts and to
265 all organized police departments in the state, the names of all persons
266 licensed as professional bondsmen under chapter 533 or bail
267 enforcement agents under the provisions of [sections 29-152f to 29-
268 152i, inclusive] this chapter, and shall forthwith notify such courts and
269 all such police departments of any change in any such bondsman's or
270 agent's status or of the suspension or revocation of the license of any
271 such bondsman or agent to engage in such business.

272 Sec. 12. Section 29-152k of the general statutes is repealed and the
273 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

274 (a) Prior to taking or attempting to take into custody the principal
275 on a bond, a professional bondsman licensed under chapter 533, a
276 surety bail bond agent licensed under chapter 700f or a bail
277 enforcement agent licensed under [sections 29-152f to 29-152i,
278 inclusive] this chapter, shall notify the police department or resident
279 state trooper for, or state police troop having jurisdiction over, the
280 municipality in which the principal is believed to be located of such
281 bondsman's or agent's intentions.

282 (b) Any bail enforcement agent licensed under this chapter or surety
283 bail bond agent licensed under chapter 700f shall complete a report, on
284 a form furnished by the Commissioner of Public Safety, each time such
285 agent apprehends or otherwise delivers into custody, a principal who
286 has defaulted on a bond. Such report shall include the name of the
287 principal apprehended, the date and time of the apprehension, the
288 location of the apprehension, the name of each professional bondsman,
289 surety bail bond agent or bail enforcement agent present and
290 participating in the apprehension, the license number assigned to
291 every bail enforcement agent participating in the apprehension, the
292 name and location of the police department or detention facility to
293 which the principal was surrendered and any other information
294 required by the commissioner. Such report shall be maintained by each
295 surety bail bond agent or bail enforcement agent for a period of not
296 less than five years and shall be subject to inspection by law
297 enforcement personnel for administrative and investigative purposes
298 during normal business hours.

299 (c) Each bail enforcement agent licensed under this chapter shall
300 collect a fee from the professional bondsman or surety bail bond agent
301 for locating and taking into custody a principal who has defaulted on a
302 bond. Such fee may include travel expenses and other reasonable costs.

303 (d) A bail enforcement agent licensed under this chapter shall not

304 collect fees or payments on behalf of the professional bondsman or
305 surety bail bond agent or demand or collect fees of any type from the
306 principal on a bond, any bond cosignor or any other family member or
307 associate of the principal.

308 Sec. 13. Section 29-152l of the general statutes is repealed and the
309 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

310 (a) No professional bondsman licensed under chapter 533, surety
311 bail bond agent licensed under chapter 700f or bail enforcement agent
312 licensed under [sections 29-152f to 29-152i, inclusive] this chapter, shall
313 wear, carry or display any uniform, badge, shield or other insignia or
314 emblems that purport to indicate that such bondsman or agent is an
315 employee, officer or agent of the state or any political subdivision of
316 the state or of the federal government.

317 (b) The Commissioner of Public Safety shall design a distinctive
318 identification card for professional bondsmen, surety bail bond agents
319 and bail enforcement agents who conduct bail enforcement activities
320 with the words "Bail Enforcement Agent" thereon and shall assign an
321 identification number to each such card. Each such professional
322 bondsman, surety bail bond agent and bail enforcement agent shall
323 carry, wear or display such identification card while conducting
324 investigations. Whenever attempting to apprehend a principal on a
325 bond, each professional bondsman, surety bail bond agent and bail
326 enforcement agent shall wear such identification card in plain sight
327 above his or her waist and wear a jacket, shirt or vest with the words
328 "Bail Bondsman" or "Bail Enforcement Agent" as the case may be, on
329 both the front and the back of such jacket, shirt or vest in two-inch
330 yellow reflective letters.

331 Sec. 14. Section 29-152m of the general statutes is repealed and the
332 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

333 (a) No professional bondsman licensed under chapter 533, surety
334 bail bond agent licensed under chapter 700f or bail enforcement agent

335 licensed under [sections 29-152f to 29-152i, inclusive] this chapter, shall
336 carry a pistol, revolver or other firearm while engaging in the business
337 of a professional bondsman, surety bail bond agent or bail enforcement
338 agent, as the case may be, or while traveling to or from such business
339 unless such bondsman or agent obtains a special permit from the
340 Commissioner of Public Safety in accordance with the provisions of
341 subsection (b) of this section. The permit required under this section
342 shall be in addition to the permit requirement imposed under section
343 29-28.

344 (b) The Commissioner of Public Safety may grant to any
345 professional bondsman licensed under chapter 533, surety bail bond
346 agent licensed under chapter 700f or bail enforcement agent licensed
347 under [sections 29-152f to 29-152i, inclusive] this chapter, a permit to
348 carry a pistol or revolver or other firearm while engaging in the
349 business of professional bondsman, surety bail bond agent or bail
350 enforcement agent, as the case may be, or while traveling to or from
351 such business, provided that such bondsman or agent has proven to
352 the satisfaction of the commissioner that such bondsman or agent has
353 successfully completed a course, approved by the commissioner, of
354 training in the safety and use of firearms. The commissioner shall
355 adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54
356 concerning the approval of schools, institutions or organizations
357 offering such courses, requirements for instructors and the required
358 number of hours and content of such courses.

359 (c) Application for a permit issued pursuant to this section shall be
360 made on forms provided by the commissioner and shall be
361 accompanied by a thirty-one-dollar fee. Such permit shall have an
362 expiration date that coincides with that of the state permit to carry a
363 pistol or revolver issued pursuant to section 29-28. A permit issued
364 pursuant to this section shall be renewable every five years with a
365 renewal fee of thirty-one dollars. The commissioner shall send, by first
366 class mail, a notice of expiration of the bail enforcement agent firearms
367 permit issued pursuant to this section, together with a notice of

368 expiration of the permit to carry a pistol or revolver issued pursuant to
369 section 29-28, in one combined form. The commissioner shall send
370 such combined notice to the holder of the permits not later than ninety
371 days before the date of the expiration of both permits, and shall
372 enclose a form for renewal of the permits. A bail enforcement agent
373 firearms permit issued pursuant to this section shall be valid for a
374 period of ninety days after the expiration date, except this provision
375 shall not apply if the permit to carry a pistol or revolver has been
376 revoked or revocation is pending pursuant to section 29-32, in which
377 case the bail enforcement agent firearms permit shall also be revoked.

378 (d) Any professional bondsman, surety bail bond agent or bail
379 enforcement agent who fails to surrender a firearms permit issued
380 pursuant to this section within five days of notification, in writing, of
381 the revocation of such permit, shall be guilty of a class C misdemeanor.

382 (e) Each professional bondsman, surety bail bond agent and bail
383 enforcement agent issued a firearms permit pursuant to this section
384 shall attend an annual firearms recertification course, as approved by
385 the commissioner pursuant to regulations adopted under subsection
386 (b) of this section. Proof of recertification shall be required at the time
387 of renewal of the firearms permit.

388 Sec. 15. Section 29-152n of the general statutes is repealed and the
389 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

390 Any person who violates any provision of [sections 29-152e to
391 29-152m, inclusive, and 38a-660a] this chapter shall be guilty of a class
392 D felony.

393 Sec. 16. Section 29-152o of the general statutes is repealed and the
394 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

395 The Commissioner of Public Safety shall adopt regulations₂ in
396 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54₂ to carry out the
397 provisions of [sections 29-152f to 29-152i, inclusive] this chapter.

398 Sec. 17. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2004*) The Commissioner of
399 Public Safety shall establish a maximum bond limit that a professional
400 bondsman may issue based upon assessment of the applicant's
401 declared assets and liabilities. Such maximum bond limit shall be
402 established upon issuance of the initial professional bond license and
403 annually thereafter upon renewal of the license. The bondsman shall
404 be notified in writing of the maximum bond limit and shall not at any
405 time exceed such limit.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2004</i>
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Sec. 10	<i>October 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 11	<i>October 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 12	<i>October 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 13	<i>October 1, 2004</i>
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Sec. 15	<i>October 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 16	<i>October 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 17	<i>October 1, 2004</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To add twelve misdemeanors to the grounds for denying, suspending, or revoking a professional bondsman's license, thus making the standards the same as for a bail enforcement agent license; strengthen other eligibility criteria for both licenses by adding minimum age, education, legal United States residency, and other requirements; expand revocation grounds for a bondsman license; set mandatory prelicensing requirements for bondsmen and allow the Commissioner of Public Safety to mandate training as a condition of renewing a bail enforcement agent's license; require bail enforcement agent license

applicants to give the commissioner evidence of at least one hundred thousand dollars general liability insurance coverage and other insurance to cover recovery activities and personal injury for false arrest, false imprisonment, libel and slander; require the said commissioner to approve bail enforcement agents' trade names and ban names implying any association with a town, county, state, or federal government agency or which may tend to mislead the public; revoke automatically the bail enforcement agent's license and special gun permit of a professional bondsman whose license is suspended or revoked and make failure to surrender the license or permit within five days of written revocation notice a class C misdemeanor, punishable by up to three months imprisonment, a fine of up to five hundred dollars, or both; require bondsmen to use the services of licensed bail enforcement agents only and produce and keep a record available for law enforcement inspection; make the current one hundred dollar license application and renewal fee nonrefundable if the application is denied or an applicant cancels it or fails to provide all necessary information, and explicitly specifies a one hundred dollar renewal fee, thus making the law conform to practice; require bondsmen to notify the commissioner of their old and new addresses within two business days after a change of address, a standard that currently applies to bail enforcement agents; increase the penalty for violating the bondsmen laws to a class D felony, the same as the existing penalty for violating bail enforcement agent laws; and to make technical changes.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]