
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5093

AN ACT CONCERNING EXTRADITION OF FUGITIVES.

SUMMARY:

By law, the court must vacate an order forfeiting a bond and release the professional bondsman, surety bail bond agent, and insurer when the (1) principal is detained or incarcerated out of state; (2) professional bondsman, agent, or insurer provides the court and prosecutor with proof of detention or incarceration; and (3) prosecutor declines to seek extradition.

If the prosecutor decides to seek extradition, this bill requires the court to vacate the order but only if the bondsman, bail bond agent, or insurer provides proof to the court that he or she has paid to the Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ) the costs it will incur in extraditing the principal. Currently, DCJ pays the costs of transporting fugitives back to the state.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2012

BACKGROUND

Surety Bail Bond Agents and Professional Bondsmen

A surety bail bond agent, through a contract with an insurer, sells bail bonds in criminal cases and is regulated by the insurance commissioner. A professional bondsman puts up personal assets as bond security and is regulated by the public safety commissioner.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 14 Nay 9 (03/15/2012)