



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 461***

LCO No. 2921



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESSIBILITY OF INFORMATION ON  
PROFESSIONAL BONDSMEN, BAIL ENFORCEMENT AGENTS AND  
SURETY BAIL BOND AGENTS.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than January 1,  
2 2021, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall  
3 establish and make publicly available on the office's Internet web site a  
4 searchable database providing the following information on each  
5 professional bondsman licensed under chapter 533 of the general  
6 statutes, bail enforcement agent licensed under chapter 533a of the  
7 general statutes, and surety bail bond agent licensed under chapter 700f  
8 of the general statutes: (1) The name of such bondsman, bail  
9 enforcement agent or surety bail bond agent, (2) the license type and  
10 expiration date for such bondsman, bail enforcement agent or surety  
11 bail bond agent, and (3) the agency that licenses and regulates such  
12 bondsman, bail enforcement agent or surety bail bond agent and a link  
13 to such agency's Internet web site.

14 (b) The secretary shall update the database established pursuant to

15 subsection (a) of this section at least quarterly based on information  
16 provided by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public  
17 Protection pursuant to section 29-152j of the general statutes, as  
18 amended by this act, and the Insurance Commissioner pursuant to  
19 section 38a-660a of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

20 Sec. 2. Section 29-152j of the general statutes is repealed and the  
21 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

22 The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall  
23 furnish to all courts and [to all] organized police departments in the state  
24 and the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, the names of  
25 all persons licensed as professional bondsmen under chapter 533 or bail  
26 enforcement agents under the provisions of sections 29-152f to 29-152i,  
27 inclusive, and shall forthwith notify such courts and all such police  
28 departments of any change in any such bondsman's or agent's status or  
29 of the suspension or revocation of the license of any such bondsman or  
30 agent to engage in such business.

31 Sec. 3. Section 38a-660a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
32 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

33 The Insurance Commissioner shall furnish to all courts and [to all]  
34 organized police departments in the state and the Secretary of the Office  
35 of Policy and Management, the names, principal business addresses and  
36 telephone numbers of all persons licensed as surety bail bond agents  
37 under this chapter and shall forthwith notify such courts and all such  
38 police departments of any change in any such agent's business name,  
39 principal business address, telephone number or status or of the  
40 suspension or revocation of the license of any such agent to engage in  
41 such business.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	29-152j
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	38a-660a

***Statement of Purpose:***

To make publicly available a searchable database providing accessible information on the licensure of a professional bondsman, bail enforcement agent or surety bail bond agent and directing a person to the correct licensing and regulating agency for such bondsman, bail enforcement agent or surety bail bond agent.

*[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.]*