



General Assembly

February Session, 2024

***Raised Bill No. 228***

LCO No. 758



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:  
(PS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING ANNUAL RANDOM AUDITS OF PROFESSIONAL BONDSMEN.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 29-151 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

3 (a) No such professional bondsman shall charge for his commission  
4 or fee more than fifty dollars for the amount of bail furnished by him up  
5 to five hundred dollars, nor more than ten per cent of the amount of bail  
6 furnished by him from five hundred dollars up to five thousand dollars,  
7 nor more than seven per cent of the amount of bail furnished by him on  
8 sums in excess of five thousand dollars. When a professional bondsman  
9 has furnished bail to an accused in a criminal proceeding, the fee which  
10 he receives therefor shall be credited on account of his fee for any  
11 subsequent bail in an increased amount which he may furnish for the  
12 same person in the same criminal proceeding; but this provision shall  
13 not apply to bail furnished on appeal of a conviction or bindover of an  
14 accused.

15 [Each] (b) Not later than February 1, 2025, and annually thereafter,

16 each professional bondsman licensed under the provisions of this  
17 chapter shall, [annually, during the month of January,] on forms  
18 furnished by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public  
19 Protection, report to said commissioner in detail the names of the  
20 persons for whom such bondsman has become surety during the year  
21 ended December thirty-first preceding, with the date, the amount of  
22 bond and the fee charged and paid and such further information as said  
23 commissioner requires. Not later than March 1, 2025, and annually  
24 thereafter, the commissioner shall randomly select three professional  
25 bondsmen whose books and records shall be subject to an audit by the  
26 commissioner for compliance with the provisions of subsection (a) of  
27 this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	29-151

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require an annual audit of the fees and commissions charged by three randomly selected professional bondsmen.

*[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.]*