
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2018 Regular Session

Substitute for Original House Bill No. 506 by Representative Jackson as proposed by the House Committee on Insurance

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To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1574(B) and to enact R.S. 22:1586, relative to bail enforcement agents; to authorize duties of a bail bond apprentice; to prohibit certain disciplinary actions based upon prohibited acts by bail enforcement agents or apprentices; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 22:1574(B) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 22:1586 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1574. Bail Bond Apprentice Program

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B. The Bail Bond Apprentice Program shall consist of three consecutive months of employment by a Department of Insurance licensed bail bond producer. The apprentice shall be supervised by the producer during the three-month period and work for no less than twenty-four hours per week. The apprentice shall observe the bail bond producer, perform every phase of the bail bond business, and shall perform duties in every phase of the bail bond business except for the ~~solicitation, negotiation, quotation of fees, and the~~ execution of a bail bond.

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§1586. Prohibited actions of bail enforcement agents; apprentices

A. No prohibited act committed by a bail enforcement agent contracted with a bail bond agency or producer shall serve as the sole basis for the suspension or revocation of the agency's or producer's license or the imposition of a fine on the bail bond agency or producer.

B. No prohibited act committed by an apprentice registered through the Department of Insurance and employed by a bail bond agency or supervised by a bail

bond producer shall serve as the sole basis for the suspension or revocation of the agency's or producer's license or the imposition of a fine on the bail bond agency or producer.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Clarifies the duties of an apprentice and prohibits the actions of a bail enforcement agent or apprentice from being the sole basis for discipline against a bail bond agency or producer.

Present law establishes the Bail Bond Apprentice Program within the Dept. of Insurance, consisting of three consecutive months of employment with a bail bond producer during which an apprentice is supervised by the producer and works for no less than 24 hours per week.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires the apprentice to observe the bail bond producer, perform every phase of the bail bond business, and perform duties in every phase of the bail bond business except for the solicitation, negotiation, quotation of fees, and the execution of a bail bond.

Proposed law repeals the prohibition on an apprentice performing solicitation, negotiation, and quotation of fees and requires the apprentice to perform duties in every phase of the bail bond business except for the execution of a bail bond.

Proposed law prohibits an act committed by a bail enforcement agent contracted with a bail bond agency or producer from serving as the sole basis for a suspension or revocation of the agency's or producer's license or the imposition of a fine on the bail bond agency or producer.

Proposed law prohibits an act committed by an apprentice registered through the Dept. of Insurance and employed by a bail bond agency or supervised by a bail bond producer from serving as the sole basis for a suspension or revocation of the agency's or producer's license or the imposition of a fine on the bail bond agency or producer.

(Amends R.S. 22:1574(B); Adds R.S. 22:1586)