

Session 106 - (1985-1986)

H*2383 (Rat #0287, Act #0189 of 1985) General Bill, By House Judiciary

A Bill to amend Title 38, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to insurance, by adding Chapter 63 so as to define terms relating to bail bondsmen and runners; to provide the power and authority for the Chief Insurance Commissioner, clerks of court, and the State Law Enforcement Division to administer the provisions of Chapter 63; to provide for the situations under which bail bonds are valid; to provide for the qualifications of each surety; to provide for surrender of the defendant; to provide for a forfeiture judgment against a principal or his surety; to provide for the licensing of professional bondsmen or runners; to provide for expiration and renewal of the licenses; to provide for license fees; to provide the situations under which the Commissioner may deny, suspend, revoke, refuse to renew any license, or require the licensee to pay a civil penalty; to provide for notice, opportunity to be heard, an appeal when a license is refused, suspended, or revoked, or a renewal refused; to provide for limitations on the actions of bail bondsmen or runners; to provide for acceptance of collateral by bail bondsmen; to provide for persons not allowed to become a surety or agent for bonding companies or professional bondsmen or to have an interest in firms or corporations whose principal business is acting as bondsmen; to provide for the power of attorney given by bail bondsmen; to provide for notification to the Commissioner and clerk of court of any county where the bondsman is doing business of surety bondsmen appointed by each insurer; to provide for the return of a license when bondsmen discontinue writing bail bonds; to provide for appointment of runners by bail bondsmen; to provide for the depositing of bail in original and new undertakings; to provide for the registering of licenses by professional bail bondsmen and powers of appointment by surety bondsmen; to provide for the deposit of securities by bondsmen acting as sureties on bail bonds which are to be held in trust by the clerk of court of the county in which the bondsman has his primary place of business; to provide for the power of attorney authorizing the clerk of court to sell or transfer securities deposited by professional bondsmen; to provide for notice of deficiency of security deposits to the bondsmen by the clerk of court; to provide for the reports regarding bail bonds to be filed by the bondsmen; to provide for visits by the Commissioner to bail bondsmen; to provide that bondsmen may not act as sureties on any bail bond whose sum is in excess of one-half of the value of the deposited securities; to provide penalties for violations; and to provide that no bail bondsman or runner is required to be licensed until two hundred seventy days after the Governor's approval.-amended title

02/12/85	House	Introduced, read first time, placed on calendar without reference HJ-652
02/14/85	House	Debate adjourned until Wednesday, February 20, 1985 HJ-808
02/20/85	House	Read second time HJ-891
02/21/85	House	Read third time and sent to Senate HJ-957
02/26/85	Senate	Introduced and read first time SJ-645
02/26/85	Senate	Referred to Committee on Judiciary SJ-646
04/17/85	Senate	Committee report: Favorable Judiciary SJ-1541
04/18/85	Senate	Read second time SJ-1606
04/18/85	Senate	Ordered to third reading with notice of amendments SJ-1606
05/09/85	Senate	Special order SJ-2021
06/04/85	Senate	Amended SJ-2780
06/04/85	Senate	Read third time SJ-2797
06/04/85	Senate	Returned SJ-2797
06/04/85	House	Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled HJ-3874
06/06/85	House	Recalled from Legislative Council HJ-4020
06/06/85	House	Reconsider vote whereby House concurred in amendments HJ-4046
06/06/85	House	Senate amendment amended HJ-4048
06/06/85	House	Returned HJ-4048
06/06/85	Senate	Concurred in House amendment and enrolled SJ-2907
06/18/85		Ratified R 287
06/20/85		Signed By Governor
06/20/85		Effective date 06/20/85
06/20/85		Act No. 189
06/20/85		See Act for exceptions to effective date
07/10/85		Copies available