
DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires a bail enforcement agent who carries a gun to have a concealed carry permit.

Present law regulates the practice of the issuance of bail bonds by bail bond producers and bail enforcement by bail enforcement agents.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law defines bail enforcement as the apprehension or surrender by a natural person of a principal who is released on bail or who has failed to appear at any stage of the proceedings to answer the charge before the court in which the principal may be prosecuted and a bail enforcement agent as a licensed bail agent who engages in bail enforcement.

Present law requires bail bond producers to obtain 12 hours of continuing education in approved bail underwriting instruction.

Proposed law increases the number of required hours to 18 and adds a requirement that at least six of the hours be dedicated to matters related to bail enforcement as defined in proposed law.

Proposed law requires any bail enforcement agent who carries a firearm to have in his possession a concealed carry permit issued by the La. State Police or, if an out-of-state bail enforcement agent, to have a valid La. concealed carry permit or other state-accredited certification qualifying the agent to carry a firearm.

Proposed law provides that any person or entity that violates proposed law is guilty of a misdemeanor offense punishable by imprisonment in the parish jail for no more than six months or fined an amount not to exceed \$5,000, or both.

Proposed law further requires the person or entity to forfeit and surrender to the commissioner of insurance the person's or entity's license to transact insurance business in this state upon finality of the conviction and precludes the person or entity from obtaining any license to transact insurance business in this state for a period of three years.

(Amends R.S. 22:1573(F); Adds C.Cr.P Art. 311(6) and (7) and R.S. 22:1587)