The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Hanna Gettys.

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<u>Present law</u> provides that the bond of a legal surety attached to and filed with the notice of contract of a general contractor shall be deemed to conform to the requirements of this part notwithstanding any provision of the bond to the contrary, but the surety shall not be bound for a sum in excess of the total amount expressed in the bond.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> but includes that nothing in <u>present law</u> shall be construed to preclude a surety who has furnished such a bond from asserting any defense to the principal obligation that its principal could assert except lack of capacity or discharge in bankruptcy of the principal obligor.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 9:4812(D))