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SENATE BILL 457

44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO BAIL BONDSMEN; PROVIDING FOR EDUCATIONAL
REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE AND RENEWAL.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of the Bail Bondsmen Licensing
Law is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS. - -

A. In order to be eligible to take the examination
required to be licensed as a bail bondsman, the applicant
shall complete not less than thirty clock hours of formal
classroom education in subjects pertinent to the duties and
responsibilities of a bail bondsman, including ethics and all
laws and rules related to the bail bond business. In
addition, the applicant shall complete one hundred twenty
hours of on-the-job training under the direct supervision of a

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1 sponsoring bail bondsman who shall certify in writing that he
2 has taught the applicant the subjects pertinent to the duties
3 and responsibilities of a bail bondsman, including ethics and
4 all laws and rules related to the bail bond business, and that
5 the applicant is prepared to take the examination. The scope
6 of the examination shall be as broad as the bail bond
7 business.

8 B. Instead of the education requirement in
9 Subsection A of this section, an applicant may become eligible
10 to take the examination required to be licensed as a bail
11 bondsman by apprenticing for a minimum of six months with a
12 sponsoring bail bondsman. The sponsoring bail bondsman shall
13 certify in writing that he has taught the applicant the
14 subjects pertinent to the duties and responsibilities of a
15 bail bondsman, including ethics and all laws and rules related
16 to the bail bond business, and that the applicant is prepared
17 to take the examination. The scope of the examination shall
18 be as broad as the bail bond business.

19 C. In order to be eligible to take the examination
20 required to be licensed as a solicitor, each person shall
21 complete not less than ten clock hours of formal classroom
22 education in subjects pertinent to the duties and
23 responsibilities of a solicitor, including ethics and all laws
24 and rules related to the bail bond business. In addition, the
25 applicant for a solicitor's license shall complete thirty

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1 hours of on-the-job training under the direct supervision of a
2 sponsoring bail bondsman who shall certify in writing that he
3 has taught the applicant the subjects pertinent to the duties
4 and responsibilities of a solicitor, including ethics and all
5 laws and rules related to the bail bond business, and that the
6 applicant is prepared to take the examination. The scope of
7 the examination shall be as broad as the bail bond business.

8 D. Prior to renewal of a bail bondsman's or
9 solicitor's license, a licensee shall complete annually not
10 less than eight clock hours of continuing education in
11 subjects pertinent to the duties and responsibilities of a
12 bail bondsman or solicitor, including ethics and all laws and
13 rules related to the bail bond business. Such continuing
14 education shall not include a written or oral examination.

15 E. A provider approved by the superintendent to
16 offer prelicensing classroom education for bail bondsmen or
17 continuing education classes for bail bondsmen and solicitors
18 shall be required to offer such classes in at least two
19 geographic areas of the state until such time as the
20 superintendent determines that sufficient classes are
21 available statewide.

22 F. It is a violation of the New Mexico Insurance
23 Code for a person to falsely represent to the superintendent
24 that the education requirements of this section have been
25 complied with.

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G. The superintendent shall adopt and promulgate such rules as are necessary for the effective administration of this section. "

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8 Mr. President:

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10 Your PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to whom has been
11 referred

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15 has had it under consideration and reports same with
16 recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the
17 JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

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19 Respectfully submitted,
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Shannon Robinson, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 5 For 0 Against

Yes: 5

No: 0

Excused: Ingle, Leavell, Stockard, Smith

Absent: None

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8 Mr. President:

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10 Your JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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14 has had it under consideration and reports same with
15 recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

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18 1. On page 3, line 10, strike "eight" and insert in lieu
19 thereof "fifteen".

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Absent: None

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8 Mr. Speaker:
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10 Your BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE, to whom has
11 been referred
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15 has had it under consideration and reports same with
16 recommendation that it DO PASS.

17 Respectfully submitted,
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7 Date _____

9 The roll call vote was 9 For 0 Against

10 Yes: 9

11 Excused: Hobbs, Kissner, Lutz

12 Absent: None

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