

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature (2012)

3 HOUSE BILL 2206

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to professions and occupations;
8 amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1320, which relates to
9 bail bondsmen; removing limitation on number of bonds
10 written; and providing an effective date.

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12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1320, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 1320. ~~A.~~ No bail bondsman shall become a surety on an
16 undertaking unless ~~he~~ the bondsman has ~~first~~ a registered ~~his~~
17 license in the office of the sheriff and with the clerk of the
18 district court in the county in which the bondsman resides or
19 offices, but not both. In the county in which a bondsman ~~registers~~
20 ~~his~~ has a registered license, ~~he~~ the bondsman shall provide the
21 court clerk with proof that ~~he~~ the bondsman is a resident of ~~said~~
22 the county or that ~~he~~ the bondsman offices in ~~said~~ the county. The
23 court clerk of the county shall provide a list of bondsmen permitted
24 to write surety in that county to the judges and law enforcement

1 offices of that county. In any county not having a licensed
2 bondsman authorized to do business within said county, the court
3 having jurisdiction shall allow and fix bail.

4 A surety bondsman shall also file a certified copy of ~~his~~ the
5 appointment by power of attorney from the insurer which ~~he~~ the
6 bondsman represents as agent with each of ~~said~~ the officers. A fee
7 of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) shall be paid to the district court clerk
8 for each county in which the bail bondsman registers ~~his~~ a license.
9 The fee shall be payable annually by the date of license renewal.
10 The clerk of the district court and the sheriff shall not permit the
11 registration of a bail bondsman unless such bondsman is currently
12 licensed by the Insurance Commissioner under the provisions of
13 Section 1301 et seq. of this title.

14 ~~B. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, a~~
15 ~~bondsman may write bonds on no more than ten defendants per year in~~
16 ~~each of the remaining seventy-six counties of this state in which~~
17 ~~the bondsman cannot register his license. Provided, however, a~~
18 ~~bondsman shall not be limited to writing bonds on only ten~~
19 ~~defendants per year in a county which does not have a licensed~~
20 ~~bondsman registered in said county. The bondsman shall advise the~~
21 ~~court clerk of each such county in writing of his intention to write~~
22 ~~bonds in the county and shall file a certified copy of his license~~
23 ~~with and pay a fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) to each such court clerk.~~

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SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2012.

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