

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>SB 525</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>ENGR</b>
<b>Request Number:</b>	
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Research Analysis**

SB 525 makes several changes to the Bail Bond Code, including:

- Requiring two (rather than one) sets of fingerprints and photographs to be submitted with an application;
- Provides that an application is valid for 3 months rather than 6 months;
- Prohibits operation of a bail bonds office or business where a person disqualified by statute from serving as a bail bondsman is present, except as necessary for that person to obtain a bail bond;
- Provides that “receipt of benefits from the execution of a bail bond,” prohibited for certain individuals, does not necessarily include marriage to or cohabitation with a licensed bail bondsman;
- Requires a bail bondsman to notify the court clerk of a change in residence or business address within 5 days;
- Requires law enforcement to post, conspicuously and near telephones used by prisoners, a list of all bondsmen permitted to write bonds within the county, and that the county clerk update and distribute the list to law enforcement monthly;
- Adds two new causes for a bond to be exonerated by operation of law; and
- Updating statutory references and providing gender-neutral language.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

The ENGR version of SB 525 has no fiscal implications for the state.

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**Other Considerations**

None.