

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

SENATE BILL NO. 721

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to bail bondsmen; amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1308.1, which relates to continuing education requirements; deleting language; modifying authority to provide certain education; requiring education provider to submit certain fee; updating statutory language; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1308.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1308.1. A. In order to be eligible to take the examination required to be licensed as a bail bondsman, each person shall complete not less than sixteen (16) clock hours of education in subjects pertinent to the duties and responsibilities of a bail bondsman, including all laws and regulations related thereto. Further, each licensee shall complete biennially not less than sixteen (16) clock hours of continuing education in ~~said~~ the subjects prior to renewal of the license. Such continuing education shall not include a written or oral examination.

1        Provided, any person licensed as a bail bondsman prior to  
2 November 1, 1989, shall not be required to complete sixteen (16)  
3 clock hours of education prior to licensure but shall be subject to  
4 the sixteen-hour continuing education requirement in order to renew  
5 ~~said~~ the license, except that a licensed bail bondsman who is sixty-  
6 five (65) years of age or older and who has been licensed as a bail  
7 bondsman for fifteen (15) years or more shall be exempt from both  
8 the education and continuing education requirements of this section.

9        ~~B. The Oklahoma Bondsman Association shall provide education~~  
10 Education shall be provided for bail bondsman licensure as required  
11 by this section; provided that the Insurance Commissioner shall  
12 approve the courses offered and provided further such education  
13 meets the general standards for education ~~otherwise~~ established by  
14 the Insurance Commissioner.

15        ~~C. The Oklahoma Bondsman Association~~ education provider shall  
16 submit biennially a fee of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), payable to  
17 the Insurance Commissioner which shall be deposited with the State  
18 Treasurer for the purposes of fulfilling and accomplishing the  
19 conditions and purposes of this section.

20        ~~D. C.~~ Any person who falsely represents to the Insurance  
21 Commissioner that compliance with this section has been met shall be  
22 subject, after notice and hearing, to the penalties and fines set  
23 out in Section 1310 of this title.

1       ~~E.~~ D. The Commissioner shall adopt and promulgate such rules as  
2 are necessary for effective administration of this section.

3       SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.  
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