

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 540

By: Montgomery of the Senate

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6 An Act relating to bail bondsmen; amending 59 O.S.
7 2021, Section 1308, which relates to bail bondsman
8 application processing; removing requirement for
9 applicants for licensure to appear in person for
10 examination; allowing for licensure prior to certain
11 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1308, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 1308. A. The applicant for bail bondsman licensure
16 shall be required to ~~appear in person and~~ take an examination
17 prepared by the Insurance Commissioner, testing the applicant's
18 ability and qualifications to be a bail bondsman. Applications are
19 valid for three (3) months after submission. If an applicant has
20 not acted upon the application within that period, a new application
21 and fees shall be submitted for the applicant to be considered for
22 licensure. Bail bondsman licenses issued prior to the effective
23 date of this act, as a result of a successful completion of a remote
24 examination, shall be valid licenses from the time of issuance.

1 B. Each applicant shall become eligible for examination if the
2 applicant has completed sixteen (16) hours of education as required
3 by Section 1308.1 of this title prior to the examination.

4 Examinations shall be held at times and places as designated by the
5 Commissioner.

6 C. The fee for the examination shall be One Hundred Dollars
7 (\$100.00). Results will be provided after the applicant is
8 examined.

9 D. The failure of an applicant to pass an examination shall not
10 preclude the applicant from taking subsequent examinations;
11 provided, however, that at least thirty (30) days shall intervene
12 between examinations; and provided further, after a third or
13 subsequent examination failure, an applicant may not be examined for
14 at least one (1) year after the last examination failure.

15 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
16 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
17 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
18 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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1 Passed the Senate the 22nd day of February, 2023.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
6 2023.

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