

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

4 ENGROSSED SENATE
5 BILL NO. 540

By: Montgomery of the Senate

and

Sneed of the House

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

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

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

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

1 date of this act, as a result of a successful completion of a remote
2 examination, shall be valid licenses from the time of issuance.

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

6 Examinations shall be held at times and places as designated by the
7 Commissioner.

8 C. The fee for the examination shall be One Hundred Dollars
9 (\$100.00). Results will be provided after the applicant is
10 examined.

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

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

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22 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE, dated 04/04/2023 - DO
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