

SENATE FLOOR VERSION

February 12, 2024

SENATE BILL NO. 1573

By: Pemberton of the Senate

and

Sneed of the House

An Act relating to bail bondsmen; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1311.3, which relates to unlawful acts; clarifying language; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1311.3, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1311.3. A. It shall be unlawful for any person who is not licensed to act as a bail bondsman or whose license to act as a bail bondsman has been suspended, revoked, surrendered, or refused, to do or perform any of the acts of a bail bondsman. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this subsection shall be guilty of a felony and shall be punished by a fine in an amount not exceeding Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

B. It shall be unlawful for any bail bondsman to assist, aid, or conspire with a person who is not licensed to act as a bail bondsman or whose license as a bail bondsman has been suspended,

1 revoked, surrendered, or refused, to engage in any acts as a bail
2 bondsman. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this
3 subsection shall be guilty of a felony and shall be punished by a
4 fine in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

5 C. The provisions of this section shall not apply to a
6 suspended or formerly licensed bail bondsman who continues to submit
7 monthly reports to the Insurance Department pursuant to subsection B
8 of Section 1314 of this title or who contracts with a licensed bail
9 enforcer pursuant to the Bail Enforcement and Licensing Act to cause
10 the apprehension and surrender of his or her defendant clients to
11 the appropriate authority. The defendant client must have a current
12 undertaking or bail contract with the suspended or formerly licensed
13 bail bondsman and such undertaking or bail contract must have been
14 made in this state by the suspended or formerly licensed bail
15 bondsman. No acts other than those listed in this subsection shall
16 be authorized or recognized after a bail bondsman is suspended or no
17 longer licensed in this state.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

19 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND COMMERCE
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