

By: Representative Rogers

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 393

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 83-39-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REVISE QUALIFICATION BOND REQUIREMENTS FOR BAIL AGENTS; AND FOR
3 RELATED PURPOSES.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 SECTION 1. Section 83-39-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 83-39-7. Each applicant for professional bail agent who acts
8 as personal surety shall be required to post a qualification bond
9 in the amount of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) with
10 the department beginning July 1, 1999. Any professional bail
11 agent licensed prior to July 1, 1999, shall post an additional
12 Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) annually with license renewal
13 until he has a qualification bond in the amount of Twenty-five
14 Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00). The total qualification bond
15 beginning July 1, 2000, being Fifteen Thousand Dollars
16 (\$15,000.00) for all previously licensed professional bail agents.

17 The qualification bond shall be made by depositing with the State
18 Treasurer for the commissioner the aforesaid amount in a system
19 established by the department. The qualification bond shall be
20 conditioned upon the full and prompt payment of any bail bond
21 issued by such professional bail agent into the court ordering the
22 qualification bond forfeited. The qualification bond shall be to
23 the people of the State of Mississippi in favor of any court of
24 this state, whether municipal, justice, county, circuit, Supreme
25 or other court. Should the license of any personal surety agent
26 be terminated, the qualification bond or the remaining part

27 thereof shall be returned to such agent upon service on the
28 department of a proper court order from a circuit judge, in the
29 district of his domicile, that orders the department to release
30 the qualification bond upon sworn testimony given by the personal
31 surety agent, that he is no longer surety on any bail bond
32 executed by himself or any of his agents.

33 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
34 and after July 1, 1999.