

By: Senator(s) Horhn

To: Judiciary

SENATE BILL NO. 2265

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 99-5-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 EXEMPT PROFESSIONAL BAIL AGENTS FROM THE PROVISION REQUIRING THE
3 APPROVAL OF THE SURETY BY A SHERIFF OR OTHER OFFICER PRIOR TO
4 RELEASING A CRIMINAL DEFENDANT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. BE IT
5 ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

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7 SECTION 1. Section 99-5-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 99-5-15. It is the duty of the sheriff or other officer
10 having custody of such defendant, upon his compliance with the
11 order of the committing court or officer, to release him from
12 custody; and he shall approve the sureties on the bond, except
13 admitted and authorized fidelity and surety insurance companies
14 and professional bail agents, acting as surety, and for that
15 purpose may examine them on oath, or take their affidavit in
16 writing, and may administer such oath.

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