

By: Senator(s) Minor

To: Judiciary

SENATE BILL NO. 2519
(As Passed the Senate)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 83-39-27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REVISE PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES FOR BAIL BONDSMEN TO ALLOW
3 OUT-OF-STATE REAL PROPERTY TO BE USED AS SECURITY AND TO PROHIBIT
4 THE GIVING OF LEGAL ADVICE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 83-39-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 83-39-27. It is unlawful for a licensee to engage in any of
9 the following activities:

10 (a) Specify, suggest or advise the employment of any
11 particular attorney to represent his principal.

12 (b) Pay a fee or rebate or give or promise to give
13 anything of value to a jailer, policeman, peace officer, clerk,
14 deputy clerk, any other employee of any court, district attorney
15 or any of his employees or any person who has power to arrest or
16 to hold any person in custody.

17 (c) Pay a fee or rebate or give anything of value to an
18 attorney in bail bond matters, except in defense of any act on a
19 bond, or as counsel to represent such bail agent, his agent or
20 employees.

21 (d) Pay a fee or rebate or give or promise to give
22 anything of value to the person on whose bond he is surety.

23 (e) Accept anything of value from a person on whose
24 bond he is surety, or from others on behalf of such person, except
25 the fee or premium on the bond, but the bail agent may accept
26 collateral security or other indemnity.

27 (f) Coerce, suggest, aid and abet, offer promise of
28 favor or threaten any person on whose bond he is surety or offers
29 to become surety, to induce that person to commit any crime.

30 (g) Give legal advice or a legal opinion in any form.

31 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
32 and after its passage.