

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1678

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to bail bondsman; amending 59 O.S.
8 2021, Section 1308.1, which relates to educational
9 requirements; allowing for use of weapons by bail
10 bondsman if certified by the Council on Law
11 Enforcement and Training; and providing an effective
12 date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1308.1, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 1308.1. A. In order to be eligible to take the
16 examination required to be licensed as a bail bondsman, each person
17 shall complete not less than sixteen (16) clock hours of education
18 in subjects pertinent to the duties and responsibilities of a bail
19 bondsman, including all laws and regulations related thereto.

20 Further, each licensee shall complete biennially not less than
21 sixteen (16) clock hours of continuing education in the subjects
22 prior to renewal of the license. Such continuing education shall
23 not include a written or oral examination. In order for a licensed
24 bail bondsman to use a firearm in the course of his or her duties

1 and responsibilities, a licensed bail bondsman shall be required to
2 receive certification from the Council on Law Enforcement Education
3 and Training.

4 Provided, any person licensed as a bail bondsman prior to
5 November 1, 1989, shall not be required to complete sixteen (16)
6 clock hours of education prior to licensure but shall be subject to
7 the sixteen-hour continuing education requirement in order to renew
8 the license, except that a licensed bail bondsman who is sixty-five
9 (65) years of age or older and who has been licensed as a bail
10 bondsman for fifteen (15) years or more shall be exempt from both
11 the education and continuing education requirements of this section.

12 B. Education shall be provided for bail bondsman licensure as
13 required by this section; provided that the Insurance Commissioner
14 shall approve the courses offered and provided further such
15 education meets the general standards for education established by
16 the Insurance Commissioner.

17 The education provider shall submit biennially a fee of Two
18 Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), payable to the Insurance Commissioner
19 which shall be deposited with the State Treasurer for the purposes
20 of fulfilling and accomplishing the conditions and purposes of this
21 section.

22 C. Any person who falsely represents to the Insurance
23 Commissioner that compliance with this section has been met shall be
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1 subject, after notice and hearing, to the penalties and fines set
2 out in Section 1310 of this title.

3 D. The Commissioner shall adopt and promulgate such rules as
4 are necessary for effective administration of this section.

5 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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