



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 228***

LCO No. 758



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:  
(PS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING ANNUAL RANDOM AUDITS OF PROFESSIONAL BONDSMEN.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 29-151 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

3 (a) No such professional bondsman shall charge for his commission  
4 or fee more than fifty dollars for the amount of bail furnished by him up  
5 to five hundred dollars, nor more than ten per cent of the amount of bail  
6 furnished by him from five hundred dollars up to five thousand dollars,  
7 nor more than seven per cent of the amount of bail furnished by him on  
8 sums in excess of five thousand dollars. When a professional bondsman  
9 has furnished bail to an accused in a criminal proceeding, the fee which  
10 he receives therefor shall be credited on account of his fee for any  
11 subsequent bail in an increased amount which he may furnish for the  
12 same person in the same criminal proceeding; but this provision shall  
13 not apply to bail furnished on appeal of a conviction or bindover of an  
14 accused. [Each]

15     (b) Not later than February 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, each  
16 professional bondsman licensed under the provisions of this chapter  
17 shall, [annually, during the month of January,] on forms furnished by  
18 the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, report  
19 to said commissioner in detail the names of the persons for whom such  
20 bondsman has become surety during the year ended December thirty-  
21 first preceding, with the date, the amount of bond and the fee charged  
22 and paid and such further information as said commissioner requires.  
23 Not later than March 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, the commissioner  
24 shall randomly select three professional bondsmen whose books and  
25 records shall be subject to an audit by the commissioner for compliance  
26 with the provisions of subsection (a) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2024	29-151

**PS**            *Joint Favorable*