

SENATE BILL 1100

By Kyle

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40,
Chapter 11, relative to the duration of bail bonds.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-11-138, is amended by adding the following new subsection (c):

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(1) A professional bail bondsman or surety shall be released from the obligations under a bail bond if the bond has been active and in effect for at least three (3) years and during that three-year period, the state has failed to file charges or seek an indictment against the person covered by the bond.

(2) For good cause shown, the state may, by motion, request the court to order the bond to remain active for a period longer than three (3) years. A motion for a bond duration extension under this subdivision (c)(2) must be made prior to the expiration of the three-year period. If the motion is timely and the interests of justice require, the court may grant the motion and the bond shall remain active for an additional period of time to be specified by the court.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.