

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 9.1-185.4 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Department of*
3 *Criminal Justice Services; bail bondsmen; limitation on licensure.*

4 [H 866]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 9.1-185.4 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 9.1-185.4. Limitations on licensure.

9 A. In order to be licensed as a bail bondsman a person shall (i) be 18 years of age or older, (ii) have
10 received a high school diploma or GED, and (iii) have successfully completed the bail bondsman exam
11 required by the Board or successfully completed prior to July 1, 2005, a surety bail bondsman exam
12 required by the State Corporation Commission under former § 38.2-1865.7.

13 B. The following persons are not eligible for licensure as bail bondsmen and may not be employed
14 nor serve as the agent of a bail bondsman:

15 1. Persons who have been convicted of a felony within the Commonwealth, any other state, or the
16 United States, who have not been pardoned, or whose civil rights have not been restored;

17 2. Employees of a local or regional jail;

18 3. Employees of a sheriff's office;

19 4. Employees of a state or local police department;

20 5. Persons appointed as conservators of the peace pursuant to Article 4.1 (§ 9.1-150.1 et seq.) of this
21 chapter;

22 6. Employees of an office of an attorney for the Commonwealth;

23 7. Employees of the Department of Corrections, Department of Criminal Justice Services, or a local
24 pretrial or community-based probation services agency; and

25 8. Spouses of or any persons residing in the same household as persons referred to in subdivisions 2
26 through 7 of this section who are sworn officers or whose responsibilities involve direct access to
27 records of inmates.

28 C. The exclusions in subsection B shall not be construed to limit the ability of a licensed bail
29 bondsman to employ or contract with a licensed bail enforcement agent authorized to do business in the
30 Commonwealth.

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