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HOUSE BILL NO. 1246

Offered January 19, 2016

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 9.1-185.9 of the Code of Virginia, relating to bail bondsmen; solicitation of business.*

Patron—Wilt

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 9.1-185.9 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 9.1-185.9. Solicitation of business; standards; restrictions and requirements.

A. Only licensed bail bondsmen shall be authorized to solicit bail bond business in the Commonwealth.

B. A licensed bail bondsman shall not:

1. Solicit bail bond business by directly initiating contact with any person in any court, jail, lock-up, or surrounding government property.

2. Loiter by any jail or magistrate's office unless there on legitimate business.

3. Refer a client or a principal for whom he has posted bond to an attorney for financial profit or other consideration.

C. Any person who violates this section is subject to monetary penalties pursuant to § 9.1-185.18. Any person who is convicted of a violation of subdivision B 1 is also guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

~~C.~~ D. The Board shall adopt regulations as to what constitutes impermissible solicitations by bondsmen, their employees and agents.

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