

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2024 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced

Senate Bill 52

BY Senator Woodrum

[Introduced January 10, 2024; referred
to the Committee on the Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §64-7-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to
2 authorizing the West Virginia Insurance Commissioner to promulgate a legislative rule
3 relating to bail bondsmen in criminal cases.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

**ARTICLE 7. AUTHORIZATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO PROMULGATE
LEGISLATIVE RULES.**

§64-7-1. West Virginia Insurance Commissioner.

1 The legislative rule filed in the State Register on July 11, 2023, authorized under the
2 authority of §51-10-8 of this code, modified by the West Virginia Insurance Commissioner to meet
3 the objections of the Legislative Rule-Making Review Committee and refiled in the State Register
4 on September 14, 2023, relating to the West Virginia Insurance Commissioner (bail bondsmen in
5 criminal cases, [114 CSR 103](#)), is authorized with the amendments set forth below:

6 on page 3, paragraph 3.2.1.h., following the words "felony crime", by striking out the
7 remainder of the paragraph and inserting a semi-colon.

8 And,

9 On page 6, subsection 3.11., by inserting a new subsection to read as follows:

10 "3.12. Any person who has been convicted of a felony is not qualified to be licensed as a
11 bail bondsman and the Commissioner shall not license any such person. The Commissioner shall
12 revoke or non-renew the license of a bail bondsman who is convicted of a felony, after licensure,
13 and shall non-renew the license of a bail bondsman who was previously convicted of a felony, and
14 who was issued a license prior to the enactment of this subsection."

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NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to authorize the West Virginia Insurance Commissioner to promulgate a legislative rule relating to bail bondsmen in criminal cases.

This section is new; therefore, strike-throughs and underscoring have been omitted.