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April 10, 2024

The Honorable Paul Pate
Secretary of State of Iowa
State Capitol
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I hereby transmit:

House File 2164, an Act relating to insurance companies acting as surety for bail bonds,
including licensure requirements to act as a bail enforcement agent or business.

The above House File is hereby approved on this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim Reynolds".

Kim Reynolds
Governor of Iowa

cc: Secretary of the Senate
Clerk of the House



House File 2164

AN ACT

RELATING TO INSURANCE COMPANIES ACTING AS SURETY FOR BAIL BONDS, INCLUDING LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS TO ACT AS A BAIL ENFORCEMENT AGENT OR BUSINESS.

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

Section 1. Section 80A.2, subsection 3, Code 2024, is amended to read as follows:

3. A person employed full or part-time by one employer in connection with the affairs of the employer, except for a person employed by a surety licensed pursuant to chapter 811 who is acting as a bail enforcement agent.

Sec. 2. Section 811.3, subsection 1, Code 2024, is amended to read as follows:

1. a. Insurance companies doing business in this state under the provisions of section 515.48, subsection 2, may act as surety. Resident owners of property ~~which~~ that is located within the state and ~~which~~ that is worth the amount specified in the undertaking, ~~may act as surety,~~ and must in all cases justify by an affidavit taken before an officer authorized to administer oaths that such surety possesses such qualifications.

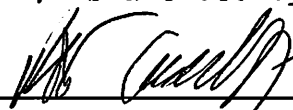
b. A company acting as surety shall not engage in conduct or activities substantially similar to those of a bail enforcement agent or bail enforcement business, as those terms are defined in section 80A.1, without receiving a license from the department of public safety as specified in chapter 80A.

Sec. 3. Section 811.8, subsection 1, Code 2024, is amended to read as follows:

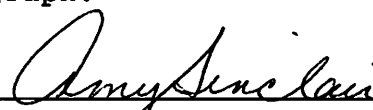
1. At any time before the forfeiture of the undertaking, the surety may surrender the defendant, or the defendant may surrender, to the officer to whose custody the defendant was committed at the time of giving bail, and such officer shall detain the defendant as upon a commitment and must, upon such surrender and the receipt of a certified copy of the undertaking of bail, acknowledge the surrender by a certificate in writing. A company acting as surety shall not engage in conduct or activities substantially similar to those of a bail enforcement agent or bail enforcement business, as those terms are defined in section 80A.1, without receiving a license from the department of public safety as specified in chapter 80A.

Sec. 4. Section 811.8, subsection 3, Code 2024, is amended by striking the subsection.

Sec. 5. Section 811.12, subsection 2, paragraph d, Code 2024, is amended by striking the paragraph.




PAT GRASSLEY
Speaker of the House



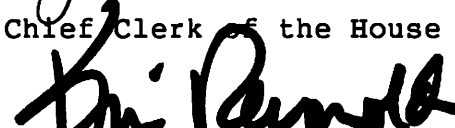
AMY SINCLAIR
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 2164, Ninetieth General Assembly.



MEGHAN NELSON
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved April 10th, 2024



KIM REYNOLDS
Governor