

AGENT SERVICES

To: All Interested Parties

From: Agent Services Division
North Carolina Department of Insurance

Date: August 18, 2015

RE: Session Law 2015 - 180 (S.L. 205-180)

Agent Services Division wanted to inform all interested parties of changes affecting bail bond statutes when S.L. 2015-180 was signed by Governor McCrory and became effective August 5, 2015.

Section 1 of S. L. 2015-180 amends G.S. 58-71-50 (b) (1) to require bondsmen to be 21 years of age or over effective August 5, 2015. This applies to applications for licenses filed on or after the August 5, 2015 date.

Section 2 of S.L. 2015-180 amends G.S. 58-71-95(5) to increase the amount of time for return of collateral security or other indemnity requested by the bondsmen to 15 days after final termination of liability on the bond.

Section 3 of S.L. 2015-180 amends GS. 58-71-151 adding language to indicate how security deposits can be returned. "If a bondsman discontinues writing bonds due to death, permanent incapacitation, or some other circumstance that results in the bondsman returning the license issued under this Article to the Commissioner and the Commissioner is satisfied that no more bonds can be written against the bondsman's security deposit, the Commissioner shall return the portion of the security deposit in excess of that required to secure the bondsman's outstanding bond liability."

Section 4 amends G.S. 58-71-200 to allow all actively licensed professional bail bondsmen, surety bail bondsmen, and bail bond runners to request access to the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts' (NCAOC) civil records, in addition to criminal records. Bondsmen and runners requesting access to the Automated Criminal/Infractions System (ACIS) and the Civil Case Processing System (VCAP) pursuant to G.S. 58-71-200 should follow the instructions provided by NCAOC. To view the instructions setting out the procedures to request access to ACIS and VCAP, please click here:
[http://www.ncdoi.com/ASD/Documents/ApplicationsAndForms/Instructions%20for%20NCAOC%20Criminal%20\(ACIS\)%20and%20Civil%20\(VCAP\)%20Systems%20Access%20for%20Bondsmen%20and%20Runners_BB.PDF](http://www.ncdoi.com/ASD/Documents/ApplicationsAndForms/Instructions%20for%20NCAOC%20Criminal%20(ACIS)%20and%20Civil%20(VCAP)%20Systems%20Access%20for%20Bondsmen%20and%20Runners_BB.PDF)

All questions about these instructions should be directed to NCAOC's Access Administration team at 919-890-2221 or security@nccourts.org.

To view a full copy of S.L. 2015-180 click here:
<http://www.ncdoi.com/ASD/Documents/SL2015-180.pdf>

Please contact Agent Services Division at 919-807-6800 if you have any questions.