

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING SURETY BAIL BOND INSURANCE;  
5 REVISING QUALIFICATIONS FOR SURETY BAIL BOND INSURANCE; REVISING SURETY BAIL BOND  
6 INSURANCE QUALIFICATIONS AND CONTINUING EDUCATION; PROVIDING FOR DISCLOSURE OF  
7 FEES; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 33-17-1601 AND 33-17-1602, MCA."

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA,

**Section 1.** Section 33-17-1601, MCA, is amended to read:

12                   **"33-17-1601. Special qualifications for surety bail bond insurance license.** (1) Before approving  
13                   an application for a surety bail bond insurance license, the commissioner shall verify that the individual:

14 (a) is a natural person at least ~~21~~18 years of age;

15 (b) is a citizen of the United States or is lawfully entitled to remain and work in the United States;

16 (c) is a resident of the state and maintains a principal fixed place of business or is a full-time agent  
17 within the state;

18       (e)(d) has obtained a high school diploma, a general equivalency diploma or equivalent document, or  
19       an equivalent education as determined by the commissioner;

20 (d)(e) has complied with the requirements of 33-17-211; and

21 (e)(f) has successfully completed the training required in 33-17-1602.

22 (2) An individual may not receive, renew, or hold a surety bail bond license if the individual:

23 (a) has been convicted of a felony in this state or of any offense committed in another state that  
24 would be a felony if committed in this state; or

25 (b) has been convicted of an offense involving dishonesty, a breach of trust, violence, threatened  
26 violence, or the unlawful use, sale, or possession of a controlled substance."