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HOUSE BILL NO. 726

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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

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

(a) is a natural person at least ~~24~~18 years of age;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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