

SSB 6437 - S AMD 81

By Senator Carrell

1 On page 2, line 30 of the bill, strike all of section 3.

2 On page 9, after line 31, insert the following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** The department of licensing is directed to
4 convene a work group to evaluate the availability of the requisite
5 surety bonds on the current market and the issue of requiring bail bond
6 agents and bail recovery agents to provide proof of financial
7 responsibility in order to obtain a license from the department.
8 Members shall include representatives of the following: The bail bond
9 industry and associations, local law enforcement, prosecuting
10 attorneys, and criminal defense attorneys. The work group shall
11 evaluate and make recommendations regarding whether, in order to be
12 licensed in this state, bail bond agents and bail recovery agents
13 should be required to provide proof of liability insurance, a surety
14 bond, or other similar types of financial responsibility protecting
15 persons who may suffer legal damages as a result of the operations of
16 bail bond agents and bail recovery agents. The department of licensing
17 shall report back to the legislature on its findings and
18 recommendations of the work group on or before January 1, 2009."

19 Renumber the sections consecutively and correct any internal
20 references accordingly.

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4 On page 1, beginning on line 1 of the title, after "Relating to"
5 strike the remainder of the title and insert "bail bond agents and bail
6 bond recovery agents; amending RCW 18.185.030, 18.185.060, 18.185.090,
7 18.185.110, 18.185.250, 18.185.260, 18.185.280, and 18.185.300; and
8 creating a new section."

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EFFECT: Removes the section of the bill providing that regardless of any contract between a bail bond agent and a bail bond recovery agent, the bail bond agent shall be liable for the bail bond recovery agent's negligent act or omission if the bail bond recovery agent was acting as the bail bond agent's servant, officer, contractor, agent, or employee.

Adds a new section directing the Department of Licensing to convene a work group to evaluate whether bail bond agents and bail recovery agents should provide proof of financial responsibility to obtain a license.