

March 27, 2009

S 1056. REQUIRE FIREARMS CERTIFICATION/BAIL BONDSMAN. Filed 3/26/09. *REQUIRING A BAIL BONDSMAN TO OBTAIN A FIREARMS REGISTRATION PERMIT AND FIREARMS TRAINING AND MAINTAIN LIABILITY INSURANCE.*

Adds new GS 58-71-51 to make it unlawful for a bail bondsman to carry a firearm, in the performance of duties as a bail bondsman, without having been issued a permit to do so from the Commissioner of Insurance (Commissioner). Provides that an applicant must pay a \$50 fee and meet specific qualifications, including (1) completing a basic training course that consists of at least 20 hours of classroom training, (2) obtaining a qualifying score of 80% on a target course, and (3) being found to be mentally and physically capable of handling a firearm. Provides for circumstances in which a permit may be denied, suspended, or revoked. Sets forth procedures for renewing the permit. Requires that the permit be returned to the Commissioner within 15 days of termination of employment as an armed bail bondsman. The bail bondsman must carry the permit, with valid identification, at all times while engaged in practice as a bail bondsman and disclose that the individual is carrying the permit to law enforcement, when applicable. Requires that the Commissioner and Attorney General must adopt policies and guidelines related to implementing this section. Requires the licensee to have a specified amount of liability insurance (\$50,000/\$100,000/\$20,000). Amends GS 58-71-55 to establish the \$50 nonrefundable application fee. Provides currently licensed bail bondsmen 90 days from the effective date of the act to meet the requirements of the act and obtain a permit. Effective October 1, 2009.

Intro. by Shaw.

GS 58

May 13, 2009

S 1056. REQUIRE FIREARMS CERTIFICATION/BAIL BONDSMAN. Filed 3/26/09. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Changes title to *REQUIRING A BAIL BONDSMAN TO OBTAIN A FIREARMS REGISTRATION PERMIT AND FIREARMS TRAINING*. Deletes all references to the Commissioner of Insurance from proposed new GS 58-71-51 and replaces them with the attorney general. Where there are references to the Commissioner of Insurance and the Attorney General, deletes Commissioner of Insurance only. Deletes all reference to liability insurance in title of proposed section. Deletes proposed subsections (j), (k), (l), and (m) from proposed new GS 58-71-51 regarding requirements for the maintenance of liability insurance. Makes technical changes.