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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PRE-LICENSING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION
3 OF BAIL BONDSMEN AND RUNNERS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. G.S. 58-71-71 reads as rewritten:

6 "§ 58-71-71. Examination; educational requirements; penalties.

7 (a) In order to be eligible to take the examination required to be licensed as a runner or
8 bail bondsman under G.S. 58-71-70, each person shall complete at least 12 hours of education
9 as provided by the North Carolina Bail Agents Association in subjects pertinent to the duties
10 and responsibilities of a runner or bail bondsman, including all laws and regulations related to
11 being a runner or bail bondsman.

12 (b) Each year every licensee shall complete at least three hours of continuing education
13 as provided by the North Carolina Bail Agents Association in subjects related to the duties and
14 responsibilities of a runner or bail bondsman before renewal of the license. This continuing
15 education shall not include a written or oral examination. A person who receives his first
16 license on or after January 1 of any year does not have to comply with this subsection until the
17 period between his first and second license renewals.

18 (c) Any person licensed as a runner or bail bondsman before January 1, 1994, is not
19 subject to the prelicensing education requirement of this section, but is subject to the continuing
20 education requirement of this section. A licensed runner or bail bondsman who is 65 years of
21 age or older and who has been licensed as a runner or bail bondsman for 15 years or more is
22 exempt from both the prelicensing education and continuing education requirements of this
23 section.

24 (d) Educational courses offered by the North Carolina Bail Agents Association under
25 this section must be approved by the Commissioner before they may be offered. Before
26 approving a course, the Commissioner must be satisfied that ~~it~~ the course will enhance the
27 professional competence and professional responsibility of bail bondsmen and runners. ~~No~~
28 ~~person shall~~ The North Carolina Bail Agents Association shall not offer, sponsor, or conduct
29 any course under this section unless the Commissioner has ~~authorized that person~~ given
30 authorization to do so.

31 (e) The license of any person who fails to comply with the continuing education
32 requirements under this section shall lapse. The Commissioner may, for good cause shown,



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1 grant extensions of time to licensees to comply with these requirements. Any licensee who,
2 after obtaining an extension under this subsection, offers evidence satisfactory to the
3 Commissioner that the licensee has satisfactorily completed the required continuing
4 professional education courses is in compliance with this section.

5 (f) The Commissioner may adopt rules for the effective administration of this section."

6 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2012.