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H.B. No. 4546

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to rules for issuing receipts pertaining to bail bonds.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1704.305, of the Texas Occupations Code is amended as follows:

Sec. 1704.305. BAIL BOND RECEIPT AND INSPECTION; OFFENSE.

(a) A bail bond surety or an agent of a bail bond surety may not receive money or other consideration or thing of value from a person for whom the bail bond surety executes a bond unless the bail bond surety or agent issues a receipt to the person as provided by Subsection (b).

(b) The receipt must state:

(1) the name of the person who pays the money or transfers the consideration or thing of value;

(2) the amount of money paid or the estimated amount of value transferred;

(3) if the person transfers consideration or a thing of value, a brief description of the consideration or thing of value;

(4) the name of the defendant ~~[style]~~ and number of the case and the court in which the bond is executed, if available; and

(5) the name of the person receiving the money, consideration, or thing of value.

(c) A bail bond surety or an agent of a bail bond surety

1 shall retain a duplicate or electronic copy of a receipt issued
2 under Subsection (a). The copy of the receipt shall be made
3 available for inspection by:

4 (1) a representative of the board in any county in
5 which the bail bond surety is licensed; and

6 (2) an appointed representative of a court in which
7 the bail bond surety agrees to execute bail bonds.

8 (d) A receipt may be supplemented.

9 ~~[(e) A person commits an offense if the person violates this~~
10 ~~section. An offense under this section is a Class B misdemeanor.]~~

11 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.