

Enacted May 26, 2006.

CHAPTER 586

(House Bill 833)

AN ACT concerning

Surety Insurance - Failure to Pay Bail Bond Judgment - Penalties

FOR the purpose of providing that a certain surety insurer that is removed by the District Court from a certain list due to failure to timely resolve or satisfy certain bail bond forfeitures shall be subject to certain penalties; requiring the District Court clerk to notify the Maryland Insurance Commissioner of the name of a certain surety insurer and a certain bond forfeiture at a certain time; and generally relating to failure of a surety insurer to pay bail bond judgments.

BY adding to

Article - Insurance

Section 21-103

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Insurance

21-103.

(A) A SURETY INSURER THAT IS REMOVED BY THE DISTRICT COURT FROM THE LIST OF SURETY INSURERS ELIGIBLE TO POST BONDS ~~IN THE STATE WITH THE COURT~~ BECAUSE THAT SURETY INSURER FAILED TO TIMELY RESOLVE OR SATISFY ONE OR MORE BAIL BOND FORFEITURES APPEARING ON THE DISTRICT COURT'S QUARTERLY LIST OF ABSOLUTE BOND FORFEITURES IN DEFAULT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO:

(1) ~~A FINE IMPOSED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF NOT LESS THAN \$5,000 AND NOT EXCEEDING \$10,000 PER UNSATISFIED BOND FORFEITURE, AND~~

(2) ~~SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE SURETY INSURER'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY~~ THE PENALTIES UNDER § 4-113 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(B) WITHIN ~~7~~ 14 DAYS AFTER THE FAILURE OF A SURETY INSURER TO RESOLVE OR SATISFY ALL BOND FORFEITURES IN DEFAULT BY THE DISTRICT COURT'S DEADLINE, THE DISTRICT COURT CLERK SHALL NOTIFY THE COMMISSIONER, IN WRITING, OF THE NAME OF THAT SURETY INSURER AND EACH BOND FORFEITURE THAT WAS NOT RESOLVED OR SATISFIED BY THE DISTRICT COURT DEADLINE.