SUBJECT: Disqualifications from serving as a bail bond surety

COMMITTEE: Licensing and Administrative Procedures — committee substitute

recommended

VOTE: 5 ayes — Smith, Kuempel, Geren, Gutierrez, S. Thompson

0 nays

4 absent — Gooden, Guillen, Miles, Price

WITNESSES: For — None

Against — None

BACKGROUND: Criminal Procedure Code, sec. 17.10 disqualifies the following from

acting as a surety on a bail bond:

• a minor;

• a person who has not completed eight hours of continuing legal education in a county in which a bail bond board does not exist, and

• a person who has been convicted of a misdemeanor involving

moral turpitude or a felony.

DIGEST: HB 2280 would disqualify a bail bond surety from employing or

contracting with a person who had been convicted of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude or a felony from acting as an agent for the

surety.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2013.