

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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H.B. 3457  
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### **DIGEST**

Current law requires bail bondsmen to be licensed and regulated by bail bond boards, but only in counties with a population of at least 110,000 people. Bail bondsmen are otherwise largely unregulated in the 240 counties with a population under 110,000 people. H.B. 3457 would establish certain regulations regarding the renewal of certain bail bondsman licenses.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, H.B. 3457 establishes regulations regarding the renewal of certain bail bondsman licenses.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 8, Article 2372p-3, V.T.C.S., by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (d), to provide that a person who applies for a renewal of a license that has been held by the person for at least 10 consecutive years without having been suspended or revoked and who complies with the requirements of this Act may renew the license within a period of 48 months from the date of expiration if the county bail bond board (board) knows of no legal reason why the applicant should not be renewed and if the board determines that the applicant has submitted an annual financial report to each board before the anniversary date of the issuance of the applicant's license. Authorizes a license renewed under this subsection to be subsequently renewed each 48 months in a similar manner.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.  
Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.