MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION 2012

By: Representative Rogers (61st)

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 175

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 99-5-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT A PROPERLY LICENSED BAIL AGENT'S BOND IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE APPROVED BY THE SHERIFF; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 99-5-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

99-5-15. It is the duty of the sheriff or other officer having custody of such defendant, upon his compliance with the order of the committing court or officer, to release him from custody; and he shall approve the sureties on the bond, except <u>properly licensed bail agents and</u> admitted and authorized fidelity and surety insurance companies acting as surety, and for that purpose may examine them on oath, or take their affidavit in writing, and may administer such oath.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2012.

ST: Bail agents; bond not required to be approved by sheriff.