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Brief Description: Requiring certification of bail bond recovery agents.

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Provides that a person may not perform the duties of a bail bond recovery agent in this state unless he or she:

(1) Is certified by a bail bond agency or bail bond agent licensed in this state;

(2) Is a bail bond agent or qualified agent licensed in this state; or

(3) If the person is a bail bond recovery agent from another state, works under the direct supervision of a bail bond agent or qualified agent licensed in this state.

Prohibits using the services of a bail bond recovery agent without issuing the proper certification to the bail bond recovery agent or certifying a bail bond recovery agent who does not meet the minimum standards established by the director under chapter 18.185 RCW. Any costs associated with the department's enforcement pursuant to this subsection shall be exempt from the fee policy stated in RCW 43.24.086, and the department shall not use costs associated with enforcement to increase the fees to bail bond agencies and bail bond agents.

Declares that any person who performs the functions of a bail bond recovery agent without first being certified by a bail bond agency or bail bond agent licensed in this state commits a gross misdemeanor.