SB 6437-S.E - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Requires a bail bond recovery agent to notify the director of licensing within ten business days following a forced entry for the purpose of apprehending a fugitive criminal defendant, whether planned or unplanned.

Provides that both performing the functions of a bail bond recovery agent without exercising due care to protect the safety of persons other than the defendant and the property of persons other than the defendant or using a dog in the apprehension of a fugitive criminal defendant constitute unprofessional conduct.

Provides that any law enforcement officer who assists in or is in attendance during a planned forced entry is immune from civil action for damages arising out of actions taken by the bail bond recovery agent or agents conducting the forced entry.

Directs the department of licensing to convene a work group to evaluate the availability of the requisite surety bonds on the current market and the issue of requiring bail bond agents and bail recovery agents to provide proof of financial responsibility in order to obtain a license from the department.