
SENATE BILL 5961

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By Senators Carrell and Stevens

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1 AN ACT Relating to forfeiture of bail bonds; and adding a new
2 section to chapter 10.19 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 10.19 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Whenever a person's bail exceeds four hundred dollars and the
7 bail is entered into forfeiture status, the clerk of the court shall,
8 within thirty days of the forfeiture, mail notice of the forfeiture to
9 the surety. The clerk of the court shall also mail a copy of the
10 forfeiture notice to the bail bond agent whose name appears on the
11 bond. The clerk of the court shall execute a certificate of mailing of
12 each forfeiture notice and shall place the certificate in the court's
13 file.

14 (2) If the bond displays the mailing address of the person or
15 persons to receive notice of forfeiture, then the notice shall be
16 mailed to the address or addresses displayed. A mailing to only one of
17 the persons listed on the bond shall not constitute compliance with
18 this section.

1 (3) The surety shall be released of all obligations if any of the
2 following conditions apply:

3 (a) The clerk of the court fails to mail the required notices of
4 forfeiture within thirty days after forfeiture;

5 (b) The clerk of the court fails to mail notice of forfeiture to
6 the surety at the address shown on the bond; or

7 (c) The clerk of the court fails to mail notice of forfeiture to
8 the surety's agent at the address listed on the bond.

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