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SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2265

State of Washington 63rd Legislature 2014 Regular Session

By House Public Safety (originally sponsored by Representatives Appleton and Goodman)

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to prohibiting general power of attorney provisions
- 2 in bail bond agreements; and adding a new section to chapter 18.185
- 3 RCW.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 18.185 RCW 6 to read as follows:
- 7 Entering into a contract, including a general power of attorney,
- 8 that gives a bail bond agent full authority over a person's finances,
- 9 assets, real property, or personal property creates a presumption of
- 10 unprofessional conduct that may be overcome by a preponderance of the
- 11 evidence presented to the department to the contrary. The department
- 12 has the discretion to determine whether or not the bail bond agency or
- 13 agent has overcome the presumption and if unprofessional conduct was
- 14 committed.

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