BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, a bail bond surety is required to hold a license in the county of practice. However, occasionally a bondsman not licensed to do business in another county advertises in local media. As proposed, S.B. 1403 clarifies that a bail bond surety is required to be licensed in the county where the bondsman advertises.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 1704.303(b), Occupations Code, to prohibit a person from advertising as a bail bond surety in a county unless the person holds a license issued under this chapter by a bail bond board in that county.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.