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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Surety Insurance - Failure to Pay Bail Bond Judgment - Penalties**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that a surety insurer that is removed by the District
4 Court from a certain list due to failure to timely resolve or satisfy certain bail
5 bond forfeitures shall be subject to certain penalties; requiring the District
6 Court clerk to notify the Commissioner of the name of a certain surety insurer
7 and a certain bond forfeiture at a certain time; and generally relating to failure
8 of a surety insurer to pay bail bond judgments.

9 BY adding to
10 Article - Insurance
11 Section 21-103
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article - Insurance**

17 21-103.

18 (A) A SURETY INSURER THAT IS REMOVED BY THE DISTRICT COURT FROM
19 THE LIST OF SURETY INSURERS ELIGIBLE TO POST BONDS IN THE STATE BECAUSE
20 THAT SURETY INSURER FAILED TO TIMELY RESOLVE OR SATISFY ONE OR MORE BAIL
21 BOND FORFEITURES APPEARING ON THE DISTRICT COURT'S QUARTERLY LIST OF
22 ABSOLUTE BOND FORFEITURES IN DEFAULT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO:

23 (1) A FINE IMPOSED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF NOT LESS THAN \$5,000
24 AND NOT EXCEEDING \$10,000 PER UNSATISFIED BOND FORFEITURE; AND

25 (2) SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE SURETY INSURER'S
26 CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY.

27 (B) WITHIN 7 DAYS AFTER THE FAILURE OF A SURETY INSURER TO RESOLVE
28 OR SATISFY ALL BOND FORFEITURES IN DEFAULT BY THE DISTRICT COURT'S

1 DEADLINE, THE DISTRICT COURT CLERK SHALL NOTIFY THE COMMISSIONER, IN
2 WRITING, OF THE NAME OF THAT SURETY INSURER AND EACH BOND FORFEITURE
3 THAT WAS NOT RESOLVED OR SATISFIED BY THE DISTRICT COURT DEADLINE.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2006.