

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Current law requires bail bondsmen to be licensed and regulated by bail bond boards, but only in counties with a population of at least 110,000 people. Bail bondsmen are otherwise largely unregulated in the 240 counties with a population under 110,000 people. H.B. 3456 provides regulations for a bail bondsman to execute bail bonds.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, H.B. 3456 provides regulations for a bail bondsman to execute bail bonds.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

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

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 6, Article 2372p-3, V.T.C.S. (Licensing and Regulation of Bail Bondsmen), by amending Subsections (g) and (h) and adding Subsections (i)-(k), to prohibit a bondsman who holds a license originally issued before September 1, 1999, from executing bail bonds that in the aggregate exceed 10 times the value of the property held as security on deposit or in trust under Subsection (f) of this section, rather than prohibiting all bondsmen from executing such bail bonds. Prohibits a bondsman who holds a license originally issued on or after September 1, 1999 and who meets certain requirements from executing bail bonds in certain amounts. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.