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Resident Bail Bond Agency License

TYPE AND CLASS:

24-05 Bail Bond Agency License

Common Use(s) of License:

Florida Statutes defines a "BAIL BOND AGENCY" as a business location in this state where a licensee maintains an office and where all records required by ss. <u>648.34</u> and <u>648.36</u> are maintained; or an entity that charges a fee or premium to release an accused defendant or detainee from jail; or engages in or employs others to engage in any activity that may be performed only by a licensed and appointed bail bond agent.

STEPS TO OBTAIN 24-05 RESIDENT BAIL BOND AGENCY LICENSE

Step 1 - You must:

- Be any person who owns, controls, manages, or otherwise has a pecuniary interest in a bail bond agency must be licensed under 648.27 appointed through the department and actively engaged as a bail bond (2-34) agent for at least the preceding 24 months.
- Have an agent-in-charge who has been licensed as a bail bond (2-34) agent for the preceding 24 months prior to appointment as agent-in-charge and is appointed through the department.

Step 2 - Apply:

- Create a Bail Bond Agency MyProfile account and complete the online application for a bail bond agency license. Answer all of the questions to complete the online application.
- An application for a Bail Bond agency license must be signed by an individual listed as an owner or
 officer/director on the application, who directs or participates in the management or control of the Bail Bond
 agency. A Bail Bond agency may permit a third party to complete, submit, and sign an application on the
 agency's behalf; however, the Bail Bond agency is responsible for ensuring that the information on the
 application is true and correct and is accountable for any misstatements or misrepresentation.

Step 3 - Status notification(s):

- Once an application has been submitted, you may check your MyProfile account for the status of your application. Deficiencies will be listed under the pending license type.
- Once all the above steps have been satisfied, the department will send your approval by email. You may then go to your MyProfile account and click the "Wallet" and/or "Letter" hyperlink(s), under the "Print Licenses" section, to generate a copy of your license for printing.

Additional Information:

- A bail bond agency location may not conduct surety business unless a bail bond agent in charge is designated by, and provides services to, the bail bond agency at all times. If the bail bond agent in charge designated with the department ends his or her affiliation with the bail bond agency for any reason and if the bail bond agency fails to designate another bail bond agent in charge within the 10-day period and such failure continues for 90 days, the bail bond agency license automatically expires on the 91st day after the date the designated bail bond agent in charge ended his or her affiliation with the agency.
- Related Florida Statutes: 648.285, 648.3875