



AN ACT REVISING SURETY BAIL BOND INSURANCE LAWS TO REQUIRE THE PRODUCER TO COLLECT A MINIMUM OF 10% OF THE GUARANTEED AMOUNT OF THE SURETY APPEARANCE BOND; PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF A MINIMUM PREMIUM IN FULL AND FOR A RECEIPT TO BE PROVIDED; AND AMENDING SECTION 33-26-106, MCA.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 33-26-106, MCA, is amended to read:

"33-26-106. Cost of surety bond to be allowed in account of officer -- payment of premium and notice. (1) Any court or officer whose duty it is to pass ~~upon-on~~ the account of any person or corporation required by law to give a bond may, whenever ~~such-the~~ person or corporation has given ~~any-such-a~~ surety company as surety ~~upon-such-on the~~ bond, allow in the settlement of ~~such-the~~ account a reasonable sum for the expense of procuring ~~such-the~~ surety.

(2) (a) A surety bail bond insurance producer who provides surety appearance bonds shall collect a minimum premium of 10% of the guaranteed amount of the surety appearance bond.

(b) A surety bail bond producer may not require additional fees to be collected after the payment of the minimum premium unless the bail bond producer specifically discloses the additional fees and a fee schedule in the contract.

(c) The premium must be collected in full, and a receipt must be provided with the surety appearance bond and power in accordance with 46-9-401."

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
HB 729, originated in the House.

Chief Clerk of the House

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2025.

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2025.

HOUSE BILL NO. 729

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