## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2013

## HOUSE BILL 597 RATIFIED BILL

## AN ACT TO APPROVE AN OFFICIAL SHIELD FOR BAIL BONDSMEN.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 58-71-40 is amended to add a new subsection to read:

"(d1) While engaged in official duties, a licensee is authorized to carry, possess, and display a shield as described in this subsection. The shield shall fulfill all of the following requirements:

- (1) Be an exact duplicate in size, shape, color, and design of the shield approved under G.S. 74C-5(12) and pictured in 12 NCAC 07D. 0405 on May 1, 2013.
- (2) Include the licensee's last name and corresponding license number in the same locations as the shield referenced in subdivision (1) of this subsection.
- (3) With reference to the shield described in subdivision (1) of this subsection, in lieu of the word "Private," the shield shall have the words "North Carolina," and in lieu of the word "Investigator," the shield shall have the words "Bail Agent."

Any shield that deviates from the design requirements as specified in this section shall be an unauthorized shield and its possession by a licensee shall constitute a violation of the statute by the licensee."

**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to any person licensed pursuant to G.S. 58-71-40 before, on, or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013.

s/ Philip E. Berger

President Pro Tempore of the Senate

s/ Thom Tillis Speaker of the House of Representatives

Pat McCrory Governor

Approvedm. this day of	<u>,</u> 2013
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