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91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES ROSS AND KELLEY (47) (Co-sponsors).

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 374, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the regulation of bail bond agents, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 374, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 374.757, to read as follows:

374.757. 1. Any agent licensed by sections 374.700 to 374.775 who intends to apprehend any person in this state shall inform law enforcement authorities in the city or county in which such agent intends such apprehension, before attempting such apprehension. Such agent shall present to the local law enforcement authorities a certified copy of the bond and all other appropriate paperwork identifying the principal and the person to be apprehended. Local law enforcement may accompany the agent. Failure of any agent to whom this section applies to comply with the provisions of this section shall be a class A misdemeanor for the first violation and a class D felony for subsequent violations; and shall also be a violation of section 374.755 and may in addition be punished pursuant to that section.

2. Any agent licensed by sections 374.700 to 374.775 who wrongfully causes damages to any person or property, including but not limited to trespass, unlawful arrest, unlawful detainment or assault, shall be liable for such damages and may be liable for punitive damages.