

Senate Bill 530

By: Senators Kemp of the 3rd, Meyer von Bremen of the 12th and Harp of the 16th

**AS PASSED SENATE**

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to professional bondsmen, so as to require continuing education as a  
3 condition of a professional bondsman or bail recovery agent conducting business in a county;  
4 to provide for the approval of continuing education programs; to provide a maximum fee for  
5 continuing education; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
10 relating to professional bondsmen, is amended by adding after Code Section 17-6-50, relating  
11 to persons deemed professional bondsmen, a new Code section to be designated as Code  
12 Section 17-6-50.1, to read as follows:

13 "17-6-50.1.

14 (a) The Georgia Association of Professional Bondsmen shall approve continuing education  
15 programs offered by professional associations, educational institutions, government  
16 agencies, and others as deemed appropriate for professional bondsmen to attend.

17 (b) The fee for continuing education programs for professional bondsmen shall not exceed  
18 \$125.00 annually.

19 (c) Professional bondsmen shall be required to obtain eight hours of continuing education  
20 annually.

21 (d) On or before January 31 of each year, each professional bondsmen shall submit a  
22 certificate of completion of eight hours of approved continuing education to the individual  
23 or department which is responsible for issuing bail bonds for each jurisdiction in which he  
24 or she is doing business."

