

House Bill 594 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 17-6-30 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fees  
2 of sureties, so as to change the basis of the bondsmen's fees; to provide for related matters;  
3 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

6 Code Section 17-6-30 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fees of sureties,  
7 is amended by striking subsection (a) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

8 "(a) Sureties on criminal bonds in any court shall not charge or receive more than 12  
9 percent of the ~~principal amount of bonds~~ face amount of the bond set in the amount of  
10 \$10,000.00 or less, which amount includes the principal and all applicable surcharges, and  
11 shall not charge or receive more than 15 percent of the ~~principal amount of bonds~~ face  
12 amount of the bond set in an amount in excess of \$10,000.00, which amount includes the  
13 principal and all applicable surcharges, as compensation from defendants or from anyone  
14 acting for defendants."

15 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

16 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.