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SUBJECT: Bail Services

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**NOTICE TO ALL BAIL PERMITEES, BAIL AGENTS, BAIL SOLICITORS AND
OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES**

Senate Bill 761 (McPherson, Chapter 104, Statutes of 2004) was signed into law on July 6, 2004. Effective January 1, 2005, Section 1278 of the California Penal Code will require that an undertaking of bail include the bail agent license number of the owner of the bail agency issuing the undertaking along with the name, address, and telephone number of the agency. The bail agency name listed on the undertaking must be a business name approved by the California Insurance Commissioner for use by the bail agency owner, and that name must be so reflected in the public records of the Commissioner. The license number of the bail agent appearing on the undertaking must be in the same size as the name, address, and telephone number of the agency. You can access the bill in its entirety at <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov>.