

CALIFORNIA INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

# NOTICE

TO: All Bail Fugitive Recovery Agents

**FROM:** Licensing and Administrative Business Bureau

**DATE:** July 11, 2025

SUBJECT: Fugitive Recovery Agent License Renewal Process

## Background

The Bail Fugitive Recovery Persons Act took effect on July 1, 2023 (<u>Assembly Bill 2043</u>, Jones-Sawyer, Chapter 768, Statutes of 2022) creating the Bail Fugitive Recovery Agent qualification for bail licensees.

This Act requires all individuals who act as a Bail Fugitive Recovery Agent to be licensed by the California Department of Insurance (Department).

# Fugitive Recovery Agent License Renewal Requirements

California Insurance Code <u>section 1807.7</u>, states all bail licenses issued shall be for a term of two years. Pursuant to California Insurance Code <u>section 1808(a)</u>, applications for renewal of licenses may be filed on or before the expiration date upon payment of the fees for filing as specified in California Insurance Code <u>section 1811</u>.

The following items are required to be filed with the Department to renew a Bail Fugitive Recovery Agent license:

- <u>Renewal Fee</u>: Pay license renewal fee of \$188.
  - California Insurance Code <u>section 1751.5</u> states all filing fees submitted are not refundable, whether or not the application is acted upon or the examination taken.
- <u>Liability Insurance</u>: California Insurance Code <u>section 1802(b)(2)(A)</u> requires that all Bail Fugitive Recovery Agents shall file with the Department a policy of liability insurance that provides minimum limits of insurance of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for any one loss or occurrence due to either bodily injury or death, or property damage, or both.
- <u>Continuing Education</u>: California Insurance Code <u>section 1810.7(e)</u> requires licensees to complete a minimum of 12 hours of approved continuing education classroom study prior to each license two-year term expiration date.

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- <u>Bond</u>: California Insurance Code <u>section 1802(b)</u> requires a \$1,000 Bond of Bail Fugitive Recovery Agent executed by a California admitted surety and signed by the principal be on file with the Department.
- <u>Late renewals</u>: The California Insurance Code prohibits late renewals for bail licenses. Bail licensees who do not renew their license by the expiration date will be required to submit a new application and all required forms. The applicant may have to pay double the filing fee pursuant to California Insurance Code <u>section 1808(b)</u>. An application is not deemed as filed unless the filing fee, continuing education and required documents are on file with the Department on or by the expiration date of the license pursuant to California Insurance Code <u>section 1808</u>.

## Fugitive Recovery Agent Online License Renewal Service

To submit an online Fugitive Recovery Agent license renewal, please use the following online service: <u>www.sircon.com/california</u>

- If you need to create a Sircon Account to use their online services, please use the following link for individuals: <u>www.sircon.com/individuals</u>
- For Sircon account set-up or other Sircon service-related questions, please contact Sircon support by phone at (517) 381-3860.

#### **Contact Information:**

For all other questions, please contact the Licensing Processing Section – Bail Unit by email at <u>sac.bail@insurance.ca.gov</u> or by phone at (916) 492-3035 (Note: this is a voicemail only line). Please allow up to three business days for a response.