

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 1327

Short Title: Bail Bond/Exception/Return of Bond Premium. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Berger of Rockingham.

Referred to: Judiciary I (Civil).

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ADD AN EXCEPTION TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH
3 A SURETY ON A BAIL BOND IS NOT REQUIRED TO RETURN THE
4 PREMIUM ON THE BOND UNDER THE LAWS REGULATING BAIL
5 BONDSMEN AND RUNNERS.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 58-71-20 is amended by adding a new subdivision to
8 read:

9 "**§ 58-71-20. Surrender of defendant by surety; when premium need not be**
10 **returned.**

11 At any time before there has been a breach of the undertaking in any type of bail or
12 fine and cash bond the surety may surrender the defendant to the sheriff of the county in
13 which the defendant is bonded to appear or to the sheriff where the defendant was
14 bonded; in such case the full premium shall be returned within 72 hours after the
15 surrender. The defendant may be surrendered without the return of premium for the
16 bond if the defendant does any of the following:

17 ...

18 (6) Fails to disclose criminal activity, charges, or convictions or provides
19 false information regarding any past or current criminal activity,
20 charges, or convictions."

21 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.