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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- BAIL BOND AGENTS AND  
BAIL BOND RECOVERY AGENTS

Introduced By: Senators Kallman, Ciccone, Mack, Acosta, Vargas, Euer, McKenney,  
Felag, Lawson, and DiPalma

Date Introduced: February 06, 2026

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 42 of the General Laws entitled "STATE AFFAIRS AND  
2 GOVERNMENT" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

3 CHAPTER 169

4 BAIL BOND AGENTS AND BAIL BOND RECOVERY AGENTS

5 **42-169-1. Unprofessional conduct -- Civil immigration enforcement prohibited.**

6 In addition to any other acts constituting unprofessional conduct under Rhode Island law  
7 or regulation, the following conduct by a bail bond agent or bail bond recovery agent shall  
8 constitute unprofessional conduct:

9 (1) Using the authority, position, or resources of a bail bond agent or bail bond recovery  
10 agent to engage in civil immigration enforcement.

11 (2) Assisting, facilitating, or participating in the enforcement of a civil immigration  
12 warrant, detainer, administrative warrant, or other civil immigration process issued by a federal  
13 immigration authority.

14 (3) Knowingly inquiring into, collecting, disclosing, or sharing information regarding a  
15 defendant's or third party's actual or perceived immigration or citizenship status, except where  
16 required by law or pursuant to a court order.

17 **42-169-2. Definitions.**

18 For the purposes of this chapter, "Civil immigration enforcement" means any action taken

1 [for the purpose of detecting, apprehending, detaining, transferring, or assisting in the removal of](#)  
2 [an individual based solely on an alleged violation of federal civil immigration law and not pursuant](#)  
3 [to a criminal warrant issued by a judicial officer.](#)

4 **42-169-3. Savings clause.**

5 [Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit a bail bond agent or bail bond](#)  
6 [recovery agent from apprehending a defendant pursuant to a valid criminal warrant, court order, or](#)  
7 [contractual obligation related to bail; provided that, such action is not undertaken for the purpose](#)  
8 [of civil immigration enforcement.](#)

9 **42-169-4. Discipline and enforcement.**

10 [A violation of this chapter shall subject a bail bond agent or bail bond recovery agent to](#)  
11 [discipline by the appropriate licensing or regulatory authority including, but not limited to, license](#)  
12 [suspension, revocation, denial of renewal, or the imposition of civil penalties, in accordance with](#)  
13 [applicable law.](#)

14 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would prohibit bail bond agents and bail bond recovery agents from engaging in  
2 civil immigration enforcement, define such conduct as unprofessional, and subject violators to  
3 professional discipline under Rhode Island law, including license suspension, revocation, denial of  
4 renewal and civil penalties.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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