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Bail Agent Identification Cards

Refer to the attached notice from the California Department of Insurance (CDI), dated March 14, 2022. This notice provides information regarding the delay in issuing bail agent identification cards, as well as identifying appropriate short-term replacement identification for the bail agent identification cards.



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CALIFORNIA INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

March 14, 2022

California State Sheriffs' Association
1231 I Street, Suite 200
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Bail Agent Identification Cards

The California Department of Insurance (CDI) is responsible for licensing bail agents, solicitors, permittee's, bail agencies, and bail corporations in the state of California. Part of the licensing process includes providing agents with an identification card (California Code of Regulations, Title 10, section 2077.1). This section states:

Every bail licensee shall keep in his possession an identification card issued to him by the commissioner and shall, upon request, show it to any person with whom he transacts bail. The bail licensee shall not permit any person other than the bail agent to use the agent's identification card for any purpose.

However, CDI is replacing its bail agent identification (ID) card system. Due to unforeseen circumstances, there is a delay in setting up the new system and the printing of bail agent ID cards.

To allow newly licensed bail agents to solicit, negotiate, and effect undertakings of bail on behalf of any surety insurer, the bail agent is required to provide the sheriff, law enforcement, or jail facility personnel with the following identification as a short-term replacement for the bail agent ID cards:

- 1) A letter from CDI providing the bail agent's license number, height, weight, hair color, and eye color;
- 2) A copy of the bail agent's CDI [Check a License](#) record; and
- 3) A state of California approved identification card, which includes the bail agent's photograph (e.g., driver's license, California identification card, passport).

We anticipate CDI's bail agent ID card system will be available in approximately four to six weeks. At that time, we will notify CSSA that this short-term bail agent ID card replacement is no longer valid and bail agents must use their CDI-issued bail agent ID cards.

If you have any questions, please contact Dianne Cooper, Chief, Producer Licensing Bureau, at (916) 492-3036 or via email at Dianne.Cooper@insurance.ca.gov.

Thank you.

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