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## MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE BULLETIN NO. 2004-3

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TO: COURT CLERKS

RE: ORDERS OF REVOCATION IN BAIL BOND FORFEITURE PROCEEDINGS

The purpose of this bulletin is to offer guidance to facilitate the proper procedure for the revocation of surety licenses in the event of bail bond forfeitures.

There are two types of professional bail agents: Limited Surety agents and Personal Surety agents. Limited Surety agents are those individuals who write bail bonds on behalf of a licensed insurance company. Personal Surety agents are those who stand personally liable for the bonds they write.

Therefore, when a bond is written by a Limited Surety agent the **licensed insurance company** is the surety on the bail bond. Information on licensed companies may be obtained by accessing the Department's website at <a href="http://www.doi.state.ms.us/licapp">http://www.doi.state.ms.us/licapp</a>. The name of the surety is not the same as the trade name under which the Limited Surety agent is doing business (i.e. John Doe Bail Bonding Company). The current law provides that in the event of a bail bond forfeiture the licenses of both the licensed insurance company and its agents (including the Limited Surety agent) shall be revoked.

When a bond is written by a Personal Surety agent, the Personal Surety agent is the surety on the bond. Consequently, in the event of a bail bond forfeiture, the Personal Surety agent's license, as surety on the bond, shall be revoked and his or her qualification bond forfeited.

Although the procedures in both cases are similar, there are important differences which the attached proposed forms illustrate. The forms accompanying this bulletin are respectfully suggested formats for your consideration when entering Orders of Revocation of License against sureties in bail bond forfeiture proceedings.

For clarification of this bulletin, you may contact our Department by telephone at (601) 359-3569 or access the Department's website at http://www.doi.state.ms.us.

Respectfully,

GEORGE DALÆ

COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

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STATE OF MISS	SSIPPI	PLAINTIFF
VERSUS		CAUSE NO.:
	·	DEFENDANT
		SURETY
		LIMITED SURETY AGENT
	ORDER FOR REVOCA' (LIMITED S	
THIS DAY	this cause came on to be hea	ard upon the motion, ore tenus, by
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to revoke the author	rity of the above named Sure	ety and its agents to write bail bonds in
this state pursuant t	o Section 99-5-25 of the Mis	ssissippi Code of 1972, as amended. The
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this state pursuant to Section	ons 99-5-25 and	83-39-7 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as
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in this cause in the amount	of \$	has been ordered forfeited, and that final
judgment has been properly	y entered agains	at the Surety for such forfeiture. The Court
further finds that said moti-	on is well-taken	and should be granted.
IT IS THEREFOR	RE ORDERED	AND ADJUDGED that the Commissioner of
Insurance shall revoke the	authority of the	aforesaid Surety and its agents to write bail
bonds in the State of Missi	ssippi, and that	the Commissioner of Insurance shall order the
qualification bond of the su	rety forfeited ir	n the amount of \$
SO ORDERED A	ND ADJUDGE	<b>D</b> , this the day of, 20
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