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§5–210.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) “Agent” means a person that acts or is authorized to act as the representative of a bail bondsman.

(3) (i) “Bail bondsman” means a licensed limited surety agent or a licensed professional bail bondsman.

(ii) “Bail bondsman” does not include a person that contracts with a public agency to provide bail bonds to persons detained in a correctional facility.

(b) On the grounds of a courthouse or correctional facility, a bail bondsman, an agent of a bail bondsman, an employee of the courthouse, or an employee of a correctional facility may not:

(1) approach, entice, or invite a person to use the services of a specific bail bondsman;

(2) distribute, display, or wear an item that advertises the services of a bail bondsman; or

(3) otherwise solicit business as a bail bondsman.

(c) A person who violates subsection (b) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to:

(1) a fine not exceeding \$2,500, and if licensed in accordance with the Insurance Article, a 30–day license suspension for a first offense; and

(2) a fine not exceeding \$5,000, and if licensed in accordance with the Insurance Article, a 90–day license suspension for a subsequent offense.

(d) A person convicted of a violation of subsection (b) of this section shall be referred to the Insurance Commissioner for appropriate action.

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