



STATE OF ARIZONA

JANICE K. BREWER
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

May 11, 2012

The Honorable Ken Bennett
Secretary of State
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: House Bill 2433 (bail bond agents; solicitation)

Dear Secretary Bennett,

Today, I vetoed House Bill 2433. This bill makes numerous changes to statutes related to bail bond agents.

Current law provides courts with the discretion to relieve sureties of their liability when the defendant is returned to the sheriff. House Bill 2433 removes this discretion and creates an incentive to delay the return of a defendant by guaranteeing that sureties will be relieved of a significant portion of their liability even for defendants who are returned three weeks after their court date. We should not provide rewards for stalling the judicial process.

Further, the bill removes the ban on bail bond agents employing individuals convicted of certain theft or weapons violations. Because bail bond agents are required to have a fiduciary capacity with a bail transaction, it would be unwise to give a convicted felon access to a person's financial assets.

These provisions present a clear risk to public safety and could lead to additional delays in the justice system. These concerns are among the primary reasons I have vetoed House Bill 2433.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Janice K. Brewer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning.

Janice K. Brewer
Governor

cc: The Honorable Steve Pierce
The Honorable Andy Tobin
The Honorable David Gowan