



CHAPTER 15A
ARTICLE 26 - BAIL

N.C.G.S. § 15A-544.7.

Docketing and enforcement of final judgment of forfeiture.

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- § 15A-544.7(a)

Final Judgment Docketed As Civil Judgment. - When a forfeiture has become a final judgment under this Part, the clerk of superior court, under G.S. 1-234, shall docket the judgment as a civil judgment against the defendant and against each surety named in the judgment.
- § 15A-544.7(b)

Judgment Lien. - When a final judgment of forfeiture is docketed, the judgment shall become a lien on the real property of the defendant and of each surety named in the judgment, as provided in G.S. 1-234.
- § 15A-544.7(c)

Execution; Copy to Commissioner of Insurance. - After docketing a final judgment under this section, the clerk shall:

(1)

Issue execution on the judgment against the defendant and against each accommodation bondsman and professional bondsman named in the judgment and shall remit the clear proceeds to the county finance officer as provided in G.S. 115C-452.

(2)

If an insurance company or professional bondsman is named in the judgment, send the Commissioner of Insurance a notice of the judgment, showing the date on which the judgment was docketed.
- § 15A-544.7(d)

Sureties, Professional Bail Bondsmen, Bail Agents, and Runners May Not Execute Bonds in County. - After a final judgment is docketed as provided in this section, no surety named in the judgment shall become a surety on any bail bond in the county

in which the judgment is docketed until the judgment is satisfied in full. In addition, no professional bail bondsman, bail agent, or runner whose name appears on a bond posted in that person's licensed capacity for which a final judgment of forfeiture has been entered shall sign any bond in any licensed capacity statewide until the judgment is satisfied in full. (2000-133, s. 6; 2006-188, s. 2; 2016-107, s. 2.)

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2 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 1-234	(a)	"the clerk of superior court, under"
G.S. 115C-452	(c)(1)	"county finance officer as provided in"

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