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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 38-53-170(e) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

"(e) accept anything of value from a principal except the premium, which may not exceed fifteen percent of the face amount of the bond, with a minimum fee of ~~twenty-five dollars~~ five percent of the face value of the bond. However, the bondsman is permitted to accept collateral security or other indemnity from the principal which must be returned upon final termination of liability on the bond. The bondsman shall identify who is paying the premium and shall represent that the collateral security or other indemnity has not been obtained from any person who has a greater interest in the principal's disappearance than appearance for trial. The collateral security or other indemnity required by the bondsman must be reasonable in relation to the amount of the bond;"

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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