FINANCIAL CODE SECTIONS 21303 AND 21304

21303.(a) As a condition precedent to the issuance or renewal of a pawnbroker's license the applicant shall file a pawnbroker's two-year nonrevokable surety bond with the issuing authority, in the sum of twenty thousand dollars ($20,000). The pawnbroker's bond required by this article shall be executed by an admitted surety in favor of State of California and shall be filed by the applicant with the licensing authority.

(b) The bond shall be for the benefit of pledgors of pledged property when the property is not available for redemption, due to the criminal negligence, criminal malfeasance, or other criminal conduct of the pawnbroker, and the pledgor has complied with the conditions precedent to redemption under the terms of the loan contract. The conditions precedent to redemption under the terms of the loan contract have been performed.

21304.(a) As a condition precedent to the issuing of a pawnbroker's license, the applicant shall file with the issuing authority a financial statement confirming that the applicant shall file with the issuing authority a financial statement confirming that the applicant has at least one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) in the form of liquid assets readily available for use in each licensed business for which the application is made, not including real property or in the absence of one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000), an applicant may post a nonrevokable surety bond in the amount of one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) or the applicant may, in lieu of posting a surety bond, deposit money, certificates, accounts, bonds or notes, as provided in Section 995.710 of the Code of Civil Procedure. The financial statement shall be filed by the applicant under penalty of perjury and signed by a California certified public accountant verifying that he or she has reviewed the financial statement.

(b) This section is not applicable to any person holding a secondhand dealer's license pursuant to Section 21641 or 21642 of the Business and professions Code and who is actively engaged as a pawnbroker on the effective date of this section