

Subject: Official Notice Regarding Legislative Changes Affecting Division of Consumer Protection Registrations

During the 2026 General Legislative Session, the Legislature passed [SB 38](#), which takes effect on **May 6, 2026**. This bill modifies registration and compliance requirements for the statutes enforced by the Division.

Highlighted below are some key registration changes to **Lawyer Referral Consultant Registration Act**, Utah Code §13-68-101 *et seq.* Refer to lines 6516-6874 of [SB 38](#) that pertain to the Lawyer Referral Consultant Registration Act.

Definitions

- Made changes to the definition of “Client” and “Compensation”. See lines 6521-630 of SB 38.

Application for Registration

- An applicant may not have been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor involving theft, fraud, or dishonesty. See line 6569 of SB 38.
- An applicant may not have violated Chapter 11, Utah Consumer Sales Practices Act. See line 4884 of SB 38.
- Designate a registered agent for service of process in the state and provide contact information. See lines 6578-6583 of SB 38.
- Update the Division within 30 days of any changes to the registration application. See lines 6586-6588 of SB 38.

Surety Requirements

- **A cash bond is no longer an acceptable surety.** See lines 6601-6606 of SB 38.
- The Division will no longer accept cash effective May 6, 2026.
- The Division will accept a surety bond or a certificate of deposit.
- **If a lawyer referral consultant has paid a cash bond, the lawyer referral consultant must obtain either a surety bond or a certificate of deposit by May 6, 2026.**
- The Division approved forms are available on the Division’s [website](#).
- For ALL changes to surety requirements, see lines 6601-6655 of SB 38.

Written Contract Requirements

- See lines 6682-6723 of SB 38 for technical changes.

Notice and Disclosure

- The Notice is no longer required to be displayed. See lines 6737-6746 of SB 38.
- For ALL new required disclosures see lines 6767-6779 of SB 38.

Unlawful Acts

- Now includes statements made to prospective clients. See lines 6782-6803 of SB 38.
- Additional conduct was added to unlawful acts. See lines 6804-6812 of SB 38.

Denial, Suspension, or Revocation

- The Division has the authority to deny, suspend, or revoke a registration. See lines 6657-6680 of SB 38.

Please review the full text of [SB 38](#) to ensure your entity meets ALL updated requirements for your specific registration type before the May 6, 2026, effective date.

The Division is unable to provide legal advice. For specific legal interpretations of the bill, please consult an attorney. For all other inquiries, contact the Division directly.