

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 256 Session of  
2007

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REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, MARCH 8, 2007

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the  
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for  
3 right to bail.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 5701 of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 5701. Right to bail.

9 All prisoners shall be bailable by sufficient sureties,  
10 unless:

11 (1) for capital offenses or for offenses for which the  
12 maximum sentence is life imprisonment; or

13 (2) no condition or combination of conditions other than  
14 imprisonment will reasonably assure the safety of any person  
15 and the community when the proof is evident or presumption  
16 great. [Excessive bail shall not be required.]

17 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.