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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 2057 Session of  
2011

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INTRODUCED BY BISHOP, MCGEEHAN, DALEY AND YOUNGBLOOD,  
DECEMBER 7, 2011

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, DECEMBER 7, 2011

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the  
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the  
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;

13 (1.1) for sexual abuse of children; or

14 (2) no condition or combination of conditions other than  
15 imprisonment will reasonably assure the safety of any person  
16 and the community when the proof is evident or presumption  
17 great.

18 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.