

No. 2009-39

AN ACT

SB 366

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

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

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

§ 5701. Right to bail.

All prisoners shall be bailable by sufficient sureties, unless:

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

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

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 27th day of August, A.D. 2009.

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