



General Assembly

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LCO No. 4385



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING BAIL AMOUNTS SET BY JUDGES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 54-64a of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2015*):

4 (a) (1) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, when any
5 arrested person is presented before the Superior Court, said court
6 shall, in bailable offenses, promptly order the release of such person
7 upon the first of the following conditions of release found sufficient to
8 reasonably ensure the appearance of the arrested person in court: (A)
9 Upon his execution of a written promise to appear without special
10 conditions, (B) upon his execution of a written promise to appear with
11 nonfinancial conditions, (C) upon his execution of a bond without
12 surety in no greater amount than necessary, (D) upon his execution of
13 a bond with surety in no greater amount than necessary, provided in
14 the case of a person charged with no crime other than a misdemeanor,
15 such amount shall not exceed five thousand dollars, unless the court
16 finds good cause to set such amount higher. In addition to or in

17 conjunction with any of the conditions enumerated in subparagraphs
18 (A) to (D), inclusive, of this subdivision the court may, when it has
19 reason to believe that the person is drug-dependent and where
20 necessary, reasonable and appropriate, order the person to submit to a
21 urinalysis drug test and to participate in a program of periodic drug
22 testing and treatment. The results of any such drug test shall not be
23 admissible in any criminal proceeding concerning such person.

24 (2) The court may, in determining what conditions of release will
25 reasonably ensure the appearance of the arrested person in court,
26 consider the following factors: (A) The nature and circumstances of the
27 offense, (B) such person's record of previous convictions, (C) such
28 person's past record of appearance in court after being admitted to
29 bail, (D) such person's family ties, (E) such person's employment
30 record, (F) such person's financial resources, character and mental
31 condition, and (G) such person's community ties.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2015	54-64a(a)

JUD *Joint Favorable*