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2015-2016 Regular Sessions

I N A S S E M B L Y

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Introduced by M. of A. TENNEY, FINCH, HAWLEY, KOLB, PALMESANO -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. CROUCH -- read once and referred to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the criminal procedure law, in relation to orders of bail or recognizance

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section 530.20 of the
2 criminal procedure law, as amended by chapter 531 of the laws of 1975,
3 is amended to read as follows:

4 (a) A city court, a town court or a village court may not order
5 recognizance or bail when (i) the defendant is charged with a class A
6 felony, or (ii) it appears that the defendant has two previous felony
7 convictions, OR (III) IT APPEARS THAT THE DEFENDANT POSES A RISK OF
8 DANGER TO THE COMMUNITY;

9 S 2. Subdivision 2 of section 530.30 of the criminal procedure law, as
10 amended by chapter 762 of the laws of 1971, is amended to read as
11 follows:

12 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision one, when the
13 defendant is charged with a felony in a local criminal court, a superior
14 court judge may not order recognizance or bail unless and until the
15 district attorney has had an opportunity to be heard in the matter and
16 such judge has been furnished with a report as described in subparagraph
17 (ii) of paragraph (b) of subdivision two of section 530.20, AND IT
18 APPEARS THAT THE DEFENDANT POSES NO RISK OF DANGER TO THE COMMUNITY.

19 S 3. Section 530.40 of the criminal procedure law is amended by adding
20 a new subdivision 5 to read as follows:

21 5. NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISIONS ONE AND TWO, A SUPE-
22 RIOR COURT MAY NOT ORDER RECOGNIZANCE OR BAIL WHEN THE DEFENDANT POSES A
23 RISK OF DANGER TO THE COMMUNITY.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 S 4. Section 530.45 of the criminal procedure law is amended by adding
2 a new subdivision 7 to read as follows:

3 7. NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISION ONE, THE COURT MAY
4 NOT ORDER RECOGNIZANCE OR BAIL WHEN THE DEFENDANT POSES A RISK OF DANGER
5 TO THE COMMUNITY.

6 S 5. Section 530.50 of the criminal procedure law, as amended by chap-
7 ter 264 of the laws of 2003, is amended to read as follows:

8 S 530.50 Order of recognizance or bail; during pendency of appeal.

9 A judge who is otherwise authorized pursuant to section 460.50 or
10 section 460.60 to issue an order of recognizance or bail pending the
11 determination of an appeal, may do so unless the defendant received a
12 class A felony sentence or a sentence for any class B or class C felony
13 offense defined in article one hundred thirty of the penal law committed
14 or attempted to be committed by a person eighteen years of age or older
15 against a person less than eighteen years of age, OR THE DEFENDANT POSES
16 A RISK OF DANGER TO THE COMMUNITY.

17 S 6. Subdivision 1 of section 530.60 of the criminal procedure law, as
18 amended by chapter 565 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as
19 follows:

20 1. Whenever in the course of a criminal action or proceeding a defend-
21 ant is at liberty as a result of an order of recognizance or bail issued
22 pursuant to this chapter, and the court considers it necessary to review
23 such order, it may, and by a bench warrant if necessary, require the
24 defendant to appear before the court. Upon such appearance, the court,
25 for good cause shown, may revoke the order of recognizance or bail. If
26 the defendant is entitled to recognizance or bail as a matter of right,
27 the court must issue another such order. If he or she is not, the court
28 may either issue such an order or commit the defendant to the custody of
29 the sheriff. Where the defendant is committed to the custody of the
30 sheriff and is held on a felony complaint, a new period as provided in
31 section 180.80 of this chapter shall commence to run from the time of
32 the defendant's commitment under this subdivision. UPON REVIEW UNDER
33 THIS SUBDIVISION, THE COURT MAY NOT ORDER RECOGNIZANCE OR BAIL WHEN THE
34 DEFENDANT POSES A RISK OF DANGER TO THE COMMUNITY.

35 S 7. This act shall take effect immediately.