



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5198

LCO No. 254



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
REP. BRONKO, 70th Dist.

AN ACT REFORMING THE BAIL SYSTEM.

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

1 That the general statutes be amended to: (1) Require the court to
2 automatically revoke a bond for any crime of violence if the defendant
3 reoffends with another crime of violence while awaiting disposition; (2)
4 eliminate the dual licensure regime for bail bondsmen with the Division
5 of State Police and Insurance Department into a single licensure; (3)
6 require bail bondsmen to open and maintain trustee accounts that are
7 subject to annual audit by the licensing authority; (4) prevent bail
8 bondsmen from circumventing bond deposit requirements by creating
9 a new criminal offense, the punishment of which includes license
10 revocation; and (5) create a statutory threshold of bail paid at which
11 point a defendant is disqualified from eligibility for a public defender.

Statement of Purpose:

To reform the bail system and provide additional oversight and accountability to bail bondsmen.