

# SENATE . . . . . No. 1066

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By Mr. Knapik, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1066) of Michael R. Knapik, Michael F. Kane, Brian P. Lees, Richard R. Tisei and other members of the General Court for legislation to eliminate presumed personal recognizance for certain defendants. The Judiciary.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Three.

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO ELIMINATING PRESUMED PERSONAL RECOGNIZANCE FOR CERTAIN DEFENDANTS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Section 58 of chapter 276 of the General Laws, as appearing in  
2 the 2000 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the  
3 word "court", in line 13, the following sentence:— It shall be pre-  
4 sumed that any person who has been admitted to bail on an offense  
5 and released, and failed on one or more occasion to appear at any  
6 court proceeding relating to that offense, without sufficient excuse,  
7 will not appear before the court if admitted to bail on personal rec-  
8 ognizance without surety.

