

HOUSE No. 1532

By Mr. Keenan of Salem, petition of John D. Keenan and others relative to the payment of bail. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

John D. Keenan	Michael E. Festa
Barbara A. L'Italien	Geraldo Alicea
Douglas W. Petersen	Jennifer M. Callahan

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PAYMENT OF BAIL.

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 1. Section 57 of chapter 276 of the General Laws as
2 appearing in the 2004 Official Edition is hereby amended by adding
3 at the end thereof the following paragraph:

4 Bail amounts ordered to be posted in excess of \$10,000.00 shall
5 only be posted in one or more of the following manners:

6 (a) by cashier's or treasurer's check drawn on a chartered state or
7 federal banking institution or credit union only upon confirmation by
8 an officer of the bank that said funds are good and available and
9 have been segregated from the surety's account;

10 (b) by certified check in any amount ordered drawn on a char-
11 tered state or federal banking institution or credit union; or

12 (c) by surety bond issued by an insurance carrier or surety com-
13 pany duly licensed to do business within this commonwealth.

14 United States currency shall not be accepted for bail amounts
15 ordered to be posted in excess of \$10,000.00.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect immediately.