

SENATE NO. 934

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

6 SECTION 2. Section 58 of Chapter 276 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2000 Official
7 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “hours”, in line 76, the following sentence:-
8 Said fees collected from the defendant, whom has failed to appear on the date specified before the
9 court, shall be administered to the town in which the said offense occurred..