

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 52

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 544, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the release of a person from prison.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 544, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 544.453, to read as follows:

**544.453. Notwithstanding any provision of the law or court rule to the contrary, a judge or judicial officer, when setting bail or conditions of release in all courts in Missouri for any offense charged, shall consider, in addition to any factor required by law, whether:**

(1) A defendant poses a danger to a victim of a crime, the community, any witness to the crime, or to any other person;

(2) A defendant is a flight risk;

(3) A defendant has committed a violent misdemeanor offense, sexual offense, or felony offense in this state or any other state in the last five years; and

(4) A defendant has failed to appear in court as a required condition of probation or parole for a violent misdemeanor or felony or a sexual offense within the last three years.

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets ~~thus~~ in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.