

Senate Bill 543

By: Senators Hill of the 32nd, Carter of the 13th, Grant of the 25th, Kemp of the 46th,
Rogers of the 21st and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 17-6-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to where
2 offenses are bailable and appeal bonds, so as to change certain restrictions on granting an
3 appeal bond; to provide for other related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
4 purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 17-6-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to where offenses
8 are bailable and appeal bonds, is amended by striking subsection (g) and inserting in lieu
9 thereof the following:

10 "(g) No appeal bond shall be granted to any person who has been convicted of murder,
11 rape, aggravated sodomy, armed robbery, aggravated child molestation, child molestation,
12 kidnapping, trafficking in cocaine or marijuana, aggravated stalking, or aircraft hijacking
13 and who has been sentenced to serve a period of incarceration of ~~seven~~ five years or more.
14 The granting of an appeal bond to a person who has been convicted of any other felony
15 offense or of any misdemeanor offense involving an act of family violence as defined in
16 Code Section 19-13-1, or of any offense delineated as a high and aggravated misdemeanor
17 or of any offense set forth in Code Section 40-6-391, shall be in the discretion of the
18 convicting court. Appeal bonds shall terminate when the right of appeal terminates, and
19 such bonds shall not be effective as to any petition or application for writ of certiorari
20 unless the court in which the petition or application is filed so specifies."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.