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Senate votes bi-partisan support for safe streets, passes SB92

CONCORD, NH — On a bi-partisan vote of 18-6, the Senate today passed SB92, legislation increasing the penalty for criminal mischief and clarifying the terms under which a defendant may be granted bail pending trial.

Prime sponsor Sen. Jeb Bradley (R-Wolfeboro) called SB92 necessary to make clarifications to current law. He said, "Under this bill, violent offenders would be held until a judge determined whether or not they could be safely released on bail and those violent offenses are now clearly spelled out. We need this clarification because, under our current rules, recently adopted under SB556, defendants cannot be denied bail simply because they cannot afford it. The law was well-intentioned, but when put into practice, some violent offenders were released, and repeat offenses occurred. Clearly, this has undermined public safety. People who are a danger to the public or who fail to abide by their conditions of release should not be granted bail."

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