

117TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 8647

To waive sovereign immunity in certain circumstances where jurisdictions prohibit monetary bail.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 2, 2022

Ms. MALLIOTAKIS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protecting All Commu-
5 nities Equally Act of 2022” or as the “PACE Act of
6 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF CASH BAIL**
2 **FOR CERTAIN OFFENDERS.**

3 If monetary bail has been prohibited in a State or
4 any political subdivision thereof, the courts of that State
5 shall have the authority—

6 (1) to determine the dangerousness of individ-
7 uals before the courts on criminal charges; and

8 (2) to hold on bail individuals who are deter-
9 mined to be violent and/or repeat offenders.

10 **SEC. 3. WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY.**

11 A State or political subdivision thereof that has a pro-
12 hibition on monetary bail waives sovereign immunity with
13 respect to a cause of action against the local government
14 by an individual for property damages or damages for per-
15 sonal injuries as a result of a dangerous criminal being
16 released without monetary bail.

17 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

18 This Act shall take effect beginning on the date that
19 is 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

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