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**AN ACT** to provide for trial by jury and for matters connected therewith.

*Commencement:* November 21, 1968

*Source:* D.L. 15-4 (1968)

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P. L. 1997-44 P. L. 1998-69 P. L. 2003-85 P. L. 2007-75

**§501. Short title.**

This Chapter may be cited as the "Jury Trial Act."

**§502. Right to trial by jury.**

- (1) Any person accused of committing an offense punishable with three (3) or more years in prison, shall with respect to the offence be entitled to a trial by a jury of four (4) persons, unless the defendant knowingly and voluntarily waives the right to a jury trial. The Republic shall be entitled to two (2) pre-emptory challenges and the defendant or defendants jointly to two (2) pre-emptory challenges. If there is more than one defendant, the court may allow the defendants additional peremptory challenges and permit the same to be exercised separately or jointly.
- (2) If an offense is punishable by less than three (3) years in prison, the defendant is not entitled to a jury trial with respect to the offense.
- (3) Whenever the defendant waives his right to a jury trial or the defendant does not have a right to a jury trial, the offense shall be