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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 249

Introduced by Assembly Member Obernolte

February 9, 2015

An act to amend ~~Section 1237~~ *Sections 1237 and 1237.1* of, and to add Section 1237.2 to, the Penal Code, relating to appeals.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 249, as amended, Obernolte. Criminal courts: appeals: fees.

Existing law allows an appeal to be taken by the defendant from a final judgment of conviction, except that existing law prohibits an appeal by the defendant from a judgment of conviction on the ground of an error in the calculation of presentence custody credits, unless the defendant first presents the claim in the trial court at the time of sentencing, or if the error is not discovered after sentencing, the defendant first makes a motion for correction of the record in the trial court.

This bill would prohibit a defendant from taking an appeal from a judgment of conviction solely on the ground of an error in the imposition or calculation of fines, penalty assessments, surcharges, fees, or costs unless the defendant first presents the claim in the trial court at the time of sentencing, or if the error is not discovered until after sentencing, the defendant first makes a motion for correction in the trial court, *which may be made informally in writing. The bill would also allow a motion for correction in the trial court regarding the calculation of presentence custody credits to be made informally in writing.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 1237 of the Penal Code is amended to
2 read:

3 1237. An appeal may be taken by the defendant from both of
4 the following:

5 (a) Except as provided in Sections 1237.1, 1237.2, and 1237.5,
6 from a final judgment of conviction. A sentence, an order granting
7 probation, or the commitment of a defendant for insanity, the
8 indeterminate commitment of a defendant as a mentally disordered
9 sex offender, or the commitment of a defendant for controlled
10 substance addiction shall be deemed to be a final judgment within
11 the meaning of this section. Upon appeal from a final judgment
12 the court may review any order denying a motion for a new trial.

13 (b) From any order made after judgment, affecting the
14 substantial rights of the party.

15 *SEC. 2. Section 1237.1 of the Penal Code is amended to read:*

16 1237.1. No appeal shall be taken by the defendant from a
17 judgment of conviction on the ground of an error in the calculation
18 of presentence custody credits, unless the defendant first presents
19 the claim in the trial court at the time of sentencing, or if the error
20 is not discovered until after sentencing, the defendant first makes
21 a motion for correction of the record in the trial ~~court~~ court, which
22 may be made informally in writing.

23 ~~SEC. 2.~~

24 *SEC. 3. Section 1237.2 is added to the Penal Code, to read:*

25 1237.2. An appeal may not be taken by the defendant from a
26 judgment of conviction on the ground of an error in the imposition
27 or calculation of fines, penalty assessments, surcharges, fees, or
28 costs unless the defendant first presents the claim in the trial court
29 at the time of sentencing, or if the error is not discovered until after
30 sentencing, the defendant first makes a motion for correction in
31 the trial ~~court~~ court, which may be made informally in writing.
32 This section only applies in cases where the erroneous imposition
33 or calculation of fines, penalty assessments, surcharges, fees, or
34 costs are the sole issue on appeal.

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