



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 641***

LCO No. 2886

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING REPEAT VIOLENT OFFENDERS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding any  
2 other provision of the general statutes, whenever a person (1) stands  
3 convicted of murder, manslaughter, arson, kidnapping, robbery in the  
4 first or second degree, robbery involving an occupied motor vehicle,  
5 assault constituting a felony, sexual assault in the first degree,  
6 aggravated sexual assault in the first degree, sexual assault in the third  
7 degree, sexual assault in the third degree with a firearm, home  
8 invasion, burglary in the first or second degree or stalking in the first  
9 degree, and (2) has been, prior to the commission of the present crime,  
10 two or more times convicted in this state or in any other state or in a  
11 federal system for (A) any of the crimes enumerated in subdivision (1)  
12 of this subsection or any predecessor statutes in this state, or an  
13 attempt to commit any of said crimes, or (B) in any other state, any  
14 crimes the essential elements of which are substantially the same as  
15 any of the crimes enumerated in subdivision (1) of this subsection, the  
16 court shall sentence such person to a term of life imprisonment  
17 without the possibility of release.

18 (b) It shall be an affirmative defense to a charge under this section  
19 that (1) as to any prior conviction on which the state is relying the  
20 defendant was pardoned on the ground of innocence, and (2) without  
21 such conviction, the defendant was not two or more times convicted as  
22 required by this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require that third-time violent offenders be sentenced to a term of life in prison without the possibility of release.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*