



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 6473**

LCO No. 3774

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

**AN ACT CONCERNING PERSISTENT DANGEROUS FELONY OFFENDERS.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (h) of section 53a-40 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2011*):

4 (h) When any person has been found to be a persistent dangerous  
5 felony offender, the court, in lieu of imposing the sentence of  
6 imprisonment authorized by the general statutes for the crime of  
7 which such person presently stands convicted, shall (1) sentence such  
8 person to a term of imprisonment that is not (A) less than twice the  
9 minimum term of imprisonment authorized for such crime or (B) more  
10 than twice the maximum term of imprisonment authorized for such  
11 crime or forty years, whichever is greater, provided, if a mandatory  
12 minimum term of imprisonment is authorized for such crime, such  
13 sentence shall include a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment  
14 that is twice such authorized mandatory minimum term of  
15 imprisonment, and (2) if such person has, at separate times prior to the  
16 commission of the present crime, been twice convicted of and

17 imprisoned for any of the crimes enumerated in subsection (a) of this  
18 section, sentence such person to [a term of imprisonment that is not  
19 less than three times the minimum term of imprisonment authorized  
20 for such crime or more than life, provided, if a mandatory minimum  
21 term of imprisonment is authorized for such crime, such sentence shall  
22 include a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment that is three  
23 times such authorized mandatory minimum term of imprisonment]  
24 life imprisonment without the possibility of parole.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2011	53a-40(h)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To remove repeat violent offenders from the community by requiring a person convicted of a third violent offense to be sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

*[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.]*