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Raised Bill No. 831

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Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO SPECIAL PAROLE
AND PAROLE DISCHARGE STATUTES.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 54-129 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) If it appears to the appropriate panel of the Board of Pardons
4 and Paroles that any [convict or inmate] person on parole or inmate
5 eligible for parole or [on] any person serving a period of special parole
6 will lead an orderly life, the panel, by a unanimous vote, [of all the
7 members present at any regular meeting of the panel,] may (1) declare
8 such [convict] person on parole or inmate discharged from the custody
9 of the Commissioner of Correction, [and shall thereupon deliver to
10 him or her a written] or, (2) at any time during such person's period of
11 special parole, terminate such period, without a court order, before
12 such person completes such period.

13 (b) Whenever any inmate has been discharged from the custody of
14 the Commissioner of Correction or whenever any person's period of

15 special parole has been terminated, the chairperson shall issue a
16 certificate to that effect under the seal of the Board of Pardons and
17 Paroles, [and signed by the chairperson of the board and the
18 commissioner.]

19 Sec. 2. Subsection (e) of section 54-124a of the general statutes is
20 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
21 *passage*):

22 (e) (1) Each parole release panel shall be composed of [two] three
23 members, [and] one of whom shall be the chairperson or a full-time
24 member designated by the chairperson to serve temporarily as
25 chairperson. [On and after January 1, 2016, not less than three
26 members shall be present at each parole hearing.]

27 (2) Each pardons panel shall be composed of three members, one of
28 whom may be the chairperson, except that for hearings on
29 commutations from the penalty of death, one member of the panel
30 shall be the chairperson.

31 (3) Each panel that discharges persons on parole from the custody of
32 the Commissioner of Correction or that terminates the period of
33 special parole for persons shall be composed of three members, one of
34 whom shall be the chairperson or a full-time member designated by
35 the chairperson to serve temporarily as chairperson.

36 Sec. 3. Subsection (f) of section 54-124a of the general statutes is
37 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
38 *passage*):

39 (f) The Board of Pardons and Paroles shall have independent
40 decision-making authority to (1) grant or deny parole in accordance
41 with sections 54-125, 54-125a, 54-125e and 54-125g, (2) establish
42 conditions of parole or special parole supervision in accordance with
43 section 54-126, (3) rescind or revoke parole or special parole in
44 accordance with sections 54-127 and 54-128, (4) grant commutations of
45 punishment or releases, conditioned or absolute, in the case of any

46 person convicted of any offense against the state and commutations
47 from the penalty of death in accordance with section 54-130a, [.] (5)
48 discharge any person on parole or inmate eligible for parole from the
49 custody of the Commissioner of Correction pursuant to section 54-129,
50 as amended by this act, and (6) terminate special parole in accordance
51 with section 54-129, as amended by this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	54-129
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	54-124a(e)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	54-124a(f)

Statement of Purpose:

To make minor revisions to the early parole discharge statutes and conforming changes with public act 18-63.

[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.]