



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 948

LCO No. 4941



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO
MISDEMEANOR SENTENCES.**

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2019*) (a) Notwithstanding any
2 provision of the general statutes, any offense which constitutes a
3 breach of any law of this state for which a person may be sentenced to
4 a term of imprisonment of up to but not exceeding one year shall be
5 punishable by imprisonment for a period not to exceed three hundred
6 sixty-four days. A misdemeanor conviction for which a person was
7 sentenced to a term of imprisonment of one year shall continue to be
8 deemed a misdemeanor conviction after the maximum term of
9 imprisonment is reduced pursuant to this section.
- 10 (b) The provisions of this section apply to any term of imprisonment
11 for which a person was sentenced to before, on or after July 1, 2019.
- 12 (c) Any person sentenced to a term of imprisonment of one year,
13 prior to July 1, 2019, for any offense previously punishable by a term of

14 imprisonment of up to but not exceeding one year, may apply to the
15 court that entered the judgment of conviction to have the term of
16 sentence modified to the maximum term of imprisonment for a period
17 not to exceed three hundred sixty-four days. Any such application
18 may be filed at any time and the court shall issue such modification
19 regardless of the date of conviction, provided the record of such
20 sentence has not been destroyed.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>July 1, 2019</i> | New section |

Statement of Purpose:

To enact the Connecticut Sentencing Commission's recommendations with respect to misdemeanor offenses.

[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.]