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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2007

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RELATING TO CRIMINALS – CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Introduced By: Representatives Ajello, Walsh, O'Neill, Naughton, and Handy

Date Introduced: February 28, 2007

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 13-6-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 13-6 entitled "Loss of
2 Rights by Prisoners" is hereby repealed.

3 ~~13-6-1. Life prisoners deemed civilly dead. -- Every person imprisoned in the adult
4 correctional institutions for life shall, with respect to all rights of property, to the bond of
5 matrimony and to all civil rights and relations of any nature whatsoever, be deemed to be dead in
6 all respects, as if his or her natural death had taken place at the time of conviction. However, the
7 bond of matrimony shall not be dissolved, nor shall the rights to property or other rights of the
8 husband or wife of the imprisoned person be terminated or impaired, except on the entry of a
9 lawfully obtained decree for divorce.~~

10 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would repeal the section of the general laws which states that life prisoners are
2 deemed civilly dead.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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