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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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RELATING TO CRIMINALS - CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS - PAROLE

Introduced By: Representatives Filippi, Carnevale, Casey, Reilly, and Chippendale

Date Introduced: January 20, 2016

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 13-8-9 of the General Laws in Chapter 13-8 entitled "Parole" is
2 hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **13-8-9. Issuance of parole.** -- (a) The parole board, in the case of any prisoner whose
4 sentence is subject to its control, unless that prisoner is sentenced to imprisonment for life, and
5 unless that prisoner is confined as a habitual criminal under the provisions of § 12-19-21, may, by
6 an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the board, issue to that prisoner a permit to be
7 at liberty upon parole, whenever that prisoner has served not less than one-third (1/3) of the term
8 for which he or she was sentenced. The permit shall entitle the prisoner to whom it is issued to be
9 at liberty during the remainder of his or her term of sentence upon any terms and conditions that
10 the board may prescribe.

11 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, in the case of a
12 conviction for a first- or second-degree murder committed after July 1, 2015, [or in the case of a](#)
13 [conviction for a crime of violence as defined in §11-47-2 committed after July 1, 2016](#), when the
14 prisoner has not been sentenced to life, the prisoner shall not be eligible for a parole permit until
15 he or she has served at least fifty-percent (50%) of his or her sentence.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require persons convicted of crimes of violence to serve half their
2 sentence before being eligible for parole.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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