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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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RELATING TO CRIMINALS - CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS - PAROLE

Introduced By: Representative Donald J. Lally

Date Introduced: March 06, 2012

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

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

3 **13-8-2. Qualifications of board members. --** The seven (7) electors to be named by the  
4 governor shall have the following qualifications:

5 (1) (i) One of the qualified electors shall be [a psychologist or](#) a physician who is  
6 professionally qualified in the field of psychiatry or neurology;

7 (ii) One shall be a member in good standing of the Rhode Island bar;

8 (iii) One shall be a person who is professionally trained in correctional work or in some  
9 closely related general field as a social work; and

10 (iv) One shall be a law enforcement officer;

11 (2) All of the qualified electors shall be individuals who shall also have shown an  
12 interest in social welfare problems.

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

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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1           This act would mandate that one of the members of the parole board be a psychologist or  
2 a physician who is professionally qualified in the field of psychiatry or neurology.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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