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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - SENTENCING TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT  
WITHOUT PAROLE

Introduced By: Senators Goldin, Metts, Pichardo, Conley, and Jabour

Date Introduced: February 25, 2015

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 12-19.2 of the General Laws entitled "Sentencing to Life  
2 Imprisonment Without Parole" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **12-19.2-7. Juveniles.** – Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, any  
4 provision of the general or public laws to the contrary, or § 11-23-2, no person who was less than  
5 eighteen (18) years of age at the time the offense was committed shall be sentenced to life  
6 imprisonment without parole.

7           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 prohibit the imposition of life without parole to persons under the age of
- 2 eighteen (18) at the time an offense was committed.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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