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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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RELATING TO CRIMINALS - CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Introduced By: Senators Goldin, and Conley

Date Introduced: March 02, 2017

Referred To: Senate 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2 Rights by Prisoners" is hereby repealed.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.~~

4           ~~Every person imprisoned in the adult correctional institutions for life shall, with respect~~  
5 ~~to all rights of property, to the bond of matrimony and to all civil rights and relations of any~~  
6 ~~nature whatsoever, be deemed to be dead in all respects, as if his or her natural death had taken~~  
7 ~~place at the time of conviction. However, the bond of matrimony shall not be dissolved, nor shall~~  
8 ~~the rights to property or other rights of the husband or wife of the imprisoned person be~~  
9 ~~terminated or impaired, except on the entry of a 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 provision declaring prisoners serving a life sentence civilly
- 2 dead.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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