

**No. 22. An act relating to prohibiting a sentence of life without parole for a person who was under 18 years of age at the time of the commission of the offense.**

(H.62)

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 7045 is added to read:

§ 7045. LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE SENTENCE PROHIBITED FOR  
PERSONS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

A court shall not sentence a person to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole if the person was under 18 years of age at the time of the commission of the offense.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

Date Governor signed bill: May 14, 2015