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Introduced by Representatives Rachelson of Burlington, Jewett of Ripton,  
Ram of Burlington, and Sullivan of Burlington

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Crimes and criminal procedure; judgment, sentence, and execution;  
sentence and commitment

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to prohibit 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.

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

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.

1       Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

2       This act shall take effect on passage.