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2 Introduced by Representatives Rachelson of Burlington, Jewett of Ripton,

3 Ram of Burlington, and Sullivan of Burlington

4 Referred to Committee on

5 Date:

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

7 sentence and commitment

8 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to prohibit a

9 sentence of life without parole for a person who was under 18 years of age at

10 the time of the commission of the offense.

11 An act relating to prohibiting a sentence of life without parole for a person
12 who was under 18 years of age at the time of the commission of the offense

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

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

15 § 7045. LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE SENTENCE PROHIBITED FOR

16 PERSONS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

17 A court shall not sentence a person to life imprisonment without the

18 possibility of parole if the person was under 18 years of age at the time of the

19 commission of the offense.

- 1 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE
- 2 This act shall take effect on passage.