

1 S.101

2 Introduced by Senators Sirotkin and Benning

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Corrections; parole

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to expand parole  
7 eligibility for persons with a serious medical condition and persons sentenced  
8 for an offense committed as a juvenile.

9 An act relating to expanding parole eligibility

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

11 Sec. 1. 28 V.S.A. § 501 is amended to read:

12 § 501. ELIGIBILITY FOR PAROLE CONSIDERATION

13 An inmate who is serving a sentence of imprisonment shall be eligible for  
14 parole consideration as follows:

15 (1) If the inmate's sentence has no minimum term or a zero minimum  
16 term, the inmate shall be eligible for parole consideration within 12 months  
17 after commitment to a correctional facility.

18 (2) If the inmate's sentence has a minimum term, the inmate shall be  
19 eligible for parole consideration after the inmate has served the minimum term  
20 of the sentence.

1           (3) If the inmate has a serious medical condition that requires hospital  
2           visits on a biweekly or more frequent basis and the inmate is designated  
3           low-risk, the inmate shall be eligible for parole.

4           (4) If the inmate was less than 18 years of age at the time of the offense  
5           or offenses, the inmate has served 15 years, and the inmate is designated  
6           low-risk, the inmate shall be eligible for parole if the inmate does not  
7           otherwise qualify for parole earlier.

8           Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

9           This act shall take effect on passage.