

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Corrections and Institutions to which was referred  
3 House Bill No. 150 entitled “An act relating to parole eligibility” respectfully  
4 reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill be  
5 amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu  
6 thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. 28 V.S.A. § 502a is amended to read:

8 § 502a. RELEASE ON PAROLE

9 (a) No inmate serving a sentence with a minimum term shall be released on  
10 parole until the inmate has served the minimum term of the sentence, less any  
11 reductions for good behavior.

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13 (d) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, or any other provision of  
14 law to the contrary, any inmate who is serving a sentence, including an inmate  
15 who has not yet served the minimum term of the sentence, who is diagnosed as  
16 having a terminal or ~~debilitating~~ serious medical condition so as to render the  
17 inmate unlikely to be physically capable of presenting a danger to society, may  
18 be released on medical parole to a hospital, hospice, other licensed inpatient  
19 facility, or suitable housing accommodation as specified by the Parole Board.  
20 The Provided the inmate has authorized the release of his or her personal  
21 health information, the Department shall promptly notify the Parole Board

1 upon receipt of medical information of an inmate’s diagnosis of a terminal or  
2 ~~debilitating~~ serious medical condition.

3 Sec. 2. 28 V.S.A. § 808(e) is amended to read:

4 (e) The Commissioner may place on medical furlough any offender who is  
5 serving a sentence, including an offender who has not yet served the minimum  
6 term of the sentence, who is diagnosed with a terminal or ~~debilitating~~ serious  
7 medical condition so as to render the offender unlikely to be physically capable  
8 of presenting a danger to society. The Commissioner shall develop a policy  
9 regarding the application for, standards for eligibility of, and supervision of  
10 persons on medical furlough. The offender may be released to a hospital,  
11 hospice, other licensed inpatient facility, or other housing accommodation  
12 deemed suitable by the Commissioner.

13 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

14 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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17 (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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FOR THE COMMITTEE