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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO CRIMINALS -- CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Introduced By: Representatives Shanley, Craven, Barros, and Amore

Date Introduced: February 24, 2021

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 13-6-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 13-6 entitled "Loss of Rights  
2 by Prisoners" is hereby repealed.

3           ~~**13-6-1. Life prisoners deemed civilly dead.**~~

4           ~~Every person imprisoned in the adult correctional institutions for life shall, with respect to~~  
5 ~~all rights of property, to the bond of matrimony and to all civil rights and relations of any nature~~  
6 ~~whatsoever, be deemed to be dead in all respects, as if his or her natural death had taken place at~~  
7 ~~the time of conviction. However, the bond of matrimony shall not be dissolved, nor shall the rights~~  
8 ~~to property or other rights of the husband or wife of the imprisoned person be terminated or~~  
9 ~~impaired, except on the entry of a lawfully obtained decree for divorce.~~

10          SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would repeal the provision of the general laws declaring prisoners serving a life  
2 sentence civilly dead.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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