

1 S.118

2 Introduced by Senator Sears

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

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

6 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes that a nonviolent offender who
7 receives a zero minimum sentence shall begin to serve the sentence in the
8 community immediately.

9 An act relating to serving a zero minimum sentence

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

11 Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 7031(d) is added to read:

12 (d) A person who receives a zero minimum sentence for a conviction of a
13 nonviolent misdemeanor or nonviolent felony as defined in 28 V.S.A. § 301
14 shall begin to serve the sentence in the community immediately, unless the
15 person is serving a prior sentence at such time.

16 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

17 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.