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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Parole - Extension of Jurisdiction of Maryland Parole Commission**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that certain persons serving sentences of life
4 imprisonment with the possibility of parole may be paroled under the
5 jurisdiction of the Maryland Parole Commission; and generally relating to
6 parole and persons who are sentenced to life imprisonment.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Correctional Services
9 Section 4-305(b) and 7-301(d)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1999 Volume)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article - Correctional Services**

15 4-305.

16 (b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, an inmate
17 sentenced to life imprisonment is not eligible for parole consideration until the inmate
18 has served 15 years or the equivalent of 15 years when considering allowances for
19 diminution of the inmate's period of confinement as provided under Title 3, Subtitle 7
20 of this article and Article 27, § 638C of the Code.

21 (2) An inmate sentenced to life imprisonment as a result of a proceeding
22 under Article 27, § 413 is not eligible for parole consideration until the inmate has
23 served 25 years or the equivalent of 25 years when considering allowances for
24 diminution of the inmate's period of confinement as provided under Title 3, Subtitle 7
25 of this article and Article 27, § 638C of the Code.

26 [(3) An eligible person who is serving a term of life imprisonment may be
27 paroled only with the Governor's approval.]

1 7-301.

2 (d) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, an
3 inmate who has been sentenced to life imprisonment is not eligible for parole
4 consideration until the inmate has served 15 years or the equivalent of 15 years
5 considering the allowances for diminution of the inmate's term of confinement under
6 Article 27, § 638C of the Code and Title 3, Subtitle 7 of this article.

7 (2) An inmate who has been sentenced to life imprisonment as a result of
8 a proceeding under Article 27, § 413 is not eligible for parole consideration until the
9 inmate has served 25 years or the equivalent of 25 years considering the allowances
10 for diminution of the inmate's term of confinement under Article 27, § 638C of the
11 Code and Title 3, Subtitle 7 of this article.

12 (3) (i) If an inmate has been sentenced to imprisonment for life
13 without the possibility of parole under Article 27, § 412 or § 413 of the Code, the
14 inmate is not eligible for parole consideration and may not be granted parole at any
15 time during the inmate's sentence.

16 (ii) This paragraph does not restrict the authority of the Governor
17 to pardon or remit any part of a sentence under § 7-601 of this title.

18 [(4) If eligible for parole under this subsection, an inmate serving a term
19 of life imprisonment may only be paroled with the approval of the Governor.]

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 October 1, 2000.