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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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RELATING TO CRIMINALS - CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS - LOSS OF RIGHTS BY PRISONERS

Introduced By: Representatives Ajello, Carson, Kazarian, Maldonado, and Tobon

Date Introduced: March 03, 2016

Referred To: House Judiciary

(Corrections)

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
2 Rights by Prisoners" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **13-6-1. Life prisoners deemed civilly dead.** -- Every person imprisoned in the adult
4 correctional institutions for life shall, with respect to all rights of property, ~~to the bond of~~
5 ~~matrimony~~ and to all civil rights and relations of any nature whatsoever, except the bond of
6 matrimony, 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~~
8 ~~rights 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 provide that any person serving life in prison, will have the right to get
2 married and the status of being civilly dead for life prisoners, would not apply to the bond of
3 matrimony.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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