



General Assembly

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LCO No. 4126



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE SENTENCE FOR MURDER COMMITTED
IN THE COURSE OF COMMISSION OF A FAMILY VIOLENCE CRIME.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 53a-54b of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

3 A person is guilty of murder with special circumstances who is
4 convicted of any of the following and was eighteen years of age or older
5 at the time of the offense: (1) Murder of a member of the Division of
6 State Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public
7 Protection or of any local police department, a chief inspector or
8 inspector in the Division of Criminal Justice, a state marshal who is
9 exercising authority granted under any provision of the general statutes,
10 a judicial marshal in performance of the duties of a judicial marshal, a
11 constable who performs criminal law enforcement duties, a special
12 policeman appointed under section 29-18, a conservation officer or
13 special conservation officer appointed by the Commissioner of Energy
14 and Environmental Protection under the provisions of section 26-5, an
15 employee of the Department of Correction or a person providing

16 services on behalf of said department when such employee or person is
17 acting within the scope of such employee's or person's employment or
18 duties in a correctional institution or facility and the actor is confined in
19 such institution or facility, or any firefighter, while such victim was
20 acting within the scope of such victim's duties; (2) murder committed
21 by a defendant who is hired to commit the same for pecuniary gain or
22 murder committed by one who is hired by the defendant to commit the
23 same for pecuniary gain; (3) murder committed by one who has
24 previously been convicted of intentional murder or of murder
25 committed in the course of commission of a felony; (4) murder
26 committed by one who was, at the time of commission of the murder,
27 under sentence of life imprisonment; (5) murder by a kidnapper of a
28 kidnapped person during the course of the kidnapping or before such
29 person is able to return or be returned to safety; (6) murder committed
30 in the course of the commission of sexual assault in the first degree; (7)
31 murder of two or more persons at the same time or in the course of a
32 single transaction; [or] (8) murder of a person under sixteen years of age;
33 or (9) murder committed in the course of commission of a family
34 violence crime, as defined in section 46b-38a.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	53a-54b

Statement of Purpose:

To permit a sentence of life imprisonment without the possibility of release for those who commit murder during an incidence of domestic violence.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]