



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING COMPASSIONATE OR MEDICAL PAROLE  
AND CREDITS AWARDED FOR RELEASE DURING AN  
EMERGENCY DECLARATION AND SENTENCE COMMUTATIONS  
BY THE BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES."**

1 Strike sections 1 and 2 and 11 to 15, inclusive, in their entirety, and  
2 renumber the remaining sections and internal references accordingly

3 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
4 internal references accordingly:

5 "Sec. 501. Subsections (e) and (f) of section 54-124a of the general  
6 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
7 (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

8 (e) (1) Each parole release panel, including any such panel for the  
9 purpose of compassionate parole release or medical parole release, shall  
10 be composed of three members, one of whom shall be the chairperson  
11 or a full-time member designated by the chairperson to serve  
12 temporarily as chairperson.

13 (2) Each pardons panel shall be composed of three members, one of  
14 whom may be the chairperson, except that for hearings on  
15 commutations from the penalty of death, one member of the panel shall  
16 be the chairperson.

17 (3) Each panel that discharges persons on parole from the custody of  
18 the Commissioner of Correction or that terminates the period of special  
19 parole for persons shall be composed of three members, one of whom  
20 shall be the chairperson or a full-time member designated by the  
21 chairperson to serve temporarily as chairperson.

22 (f) The Board of Pardons and Paroles shall have independent  
23 decision-making authority to (1) grant or deny parole in accordance  
24 with sections 54-125, 54-125a, 54-125e and 54-125g, medical parole in  
25 accordance with the provisions of sections 54-131a to 54-131g, inclusive,  
26 as amended by this act, or compassionate parole in accordance with the  
27 provisions of section 54-131k, as amended by this act, (2) establish  
28 conditions of parole, medical parole, compassionate parole or special  
29 parole supervision in accordance with section 54-126, (3) rescind or  
30 revoke parole or special parole in accordance with sections 54-127, as  
31 amended by this act, and 54-128, as amended by this act, (4) grant  
32 commutations of punishment or releases, conditioned or absolute, in the  
33 case of any person convicted of any offense against the state and  
34 commutations from the penalty of death in accordance with section 54-  
35 130a, (5) discharge any person on parole, medical parole or  
36 compassionate parole or inmate eligible for parole from the custody of  
37 the Commissioner of Correction pursuant to section 54-129, as amended  
38 by this act, and (6) terminate special parole in accordance with section  
39 54-129, as amended by this act."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	October 1, 2023	54-124a(e) and (f)