

SENATE, No. 909

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator RICE

1 AN ACT concerning prisoner furloughs for certain inmates and  
2 amending P.L.1993, c.153.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 1. of P.L.1993, c.153 (C.30:4-91.3b) is amended to read  
8 as follows:

9 1. [Notwithstanding] a. Except as provided in subsection b. of this  
10 section, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 3 of P.L.1969, c.22  
11 (C.30:4-91.3), the Commissioner of Corrections shall not authorize the  
12 participation of a prisoner in any furlough program administered by the  
13 Department of Corrections if that prisoner has been convicted of a  
14 crime pursuant to N.J.S.2C:11-3, N.J.S.2C:11-4, N.J.S.2C:14-2,  
15 N.J.S.2C:15-1, N.J.S.2C:13-1, or subsection b. of N.J.S.2C:12-1.

16 b. The provision of subsection a. of this section shall not apply to  
17 a prisoner whose place of confinement is a residential community  
18 release program when the purpose of the furlough is a family visit.

19 As used in this act, "residential community release program" means  
20 the provision of halfway house or substance abuse treatment services  
21 to inmates, under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections, by  
22 a contract agency in the community.

23 (cf: P.L.1993, c.153, s.1)

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25 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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30 N.J.S.A.30:4-91.3b, enacted in 1993, provides that inmates who  
31 have been convicted of murder, manslaughter, sexual assault, robbery,  
32 kidnapping or aggravated assault are ineligible for participation in any  
33 furlough program administered by the Department of Corrections.  
34 This bill would provide that the prohibition on furloughs would not

**EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

1 apply to inmates confined in a halfway house who are participating in  
2 a residential community release program.

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7 Permits the furlough release of prisoners confined to community based  
8 programs.