

CRIME VICTIMS ACT - PETITIONS TO DENY PAROLE UPON EXPIRATION
OF MINIMUM SENTENCE

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AN ACT

Amending the act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.882, No.111),
entitled "An act providing for victims' rights; imposing
penalties; establishing remedies; establishing the Office
of Victim Advocate, the Bureau of Victims' Services, the
Victims' Services Advisory Committee, the State Offender
Supervision Fund and other funds; and making repeals,"
further providing for petitions to deny parole upon
expiration of minimum sentence.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 502(b) of the act of November 24, 1998
(P.L.882, No.111), known as the Crime Victims Act, amended
October 2, 2002 (P.L.839, No.121), is amended to read:
Section 502. Petitions to deny parole upon expiration of
minimum sentence.

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(b) Appearance.--The victim or the victim's representative
shall be permitted to appear in person **and provide testimony**
before the [board or hearing examiner] **panel or the majority**
of those board members charged with making the parole release
decision or, in the alternative, the victim's **or victim's**
representative's testimony may be presented by [conference call]
electronic means as provided by the board. The testimony of a
victim [before the board] **or victim's representative** shall be
confidential. Records maintained by the department and the board
pertaining to victims shall be kept separate[. Current] **from**
other records, and these victim records, including current
address, telephone number and any other personal information
of the victim and family members, shall be deemed confidential.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect September 1, 2013,
or immediately, whichever is later.

APPROVED--The 18th day of June, A.D. 2013.

TOM CORBETT