

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY PETRI, BOYD, D. COSTA, GEIST, HENNESSEY, HESS,  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 8, 2011

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for parole power.

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

5 Section 1. Section 6137(e)(3)(i) and (4) of Title 61,  
6 amended October 27, 2010 (P.L. , No.95), are amended to read:  
7 § 6137. Parole power.

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9 (e) Drug screening tests.--

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11 (3) (i) The board shall establish, as a condition of  
12 continued parole for a parolee who, as an inmate, tested  
13 positive for the presence of a controlled substance or a  
14 designer drug or who was paroled from a sentence arising  
15 from a conviction under The Controlled Substance, Drug,  
16 Device and Cosmetic Act or from a drug-related crime, or  
17 from a crime of violence as defined in 42 Pa.C.S. §  
18 9714(g) (relating to sentences for second and subsequent

1        offenses) or any felony conviction, the parolee's  
2        achievement of negative results in such screening tests  
3        randomly applied.

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5        (4) For a parolee who was not paroled from a sentence  
6        arising from a conviction under The Controlled Substance,  
7        Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act or from a drug-related crime,  
8        or from a crime of violence as defined in 42 Pa.C.S. §  
9        9714(g) (relating to sentences for second and subsequent  
10       offenses) or any felony conviction, the board may establish,  
11       as a condition of parole, that the parolee achieve negative  
12       results in screening tests randomly conducted. The parolee  
13       shall be responsible for testing costs.

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15       Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.