

SENATE NO. 960

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE POSTPONEMENT OR WAIVER OF A PAROLE HEARING

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled,
And by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 127 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 130 the
2 following section:-

3 Section 130A. In the absence of a criminal charge pending against a prisoner, a parole
4 hearing scheduled for such prisoner shall not be postponed at the request of such inmate. A
5 prisoner, except a prisoner serving a life sentence, with a criminal charge pending against him may
6 in writing to the parole board, within 10 days of being notified of the date of a scheduled parole
7 hearing, request a postponement of such hearing to the next regularly scheduled hearing, not less
8 than one year from the date of waived or postponed hearing.

9 A prisoner may in writing within 10 days of being notified of a parole hearing notify the
10 parole board of his intent to waive his right to such hearing, in which case a new hearing shall not
11 be scheduled until the next regularly scheduled hearing, not less than one year from the date of
12 waived or postponed hearing.