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The Honorable Brian E. Frosh
Chairman, Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
2 East, Miller Senate Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

The Honorable Joseph F. Vallario, Jr.
Chairman, House Judiciary Committee
Room 101, House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

Re: Joint Chairmen's Report on The Number of Inmates Paroled
Under the Provisions of HB1174

Dear Chairmen:

The following language of Chapter 381 of 2011 requested the following information of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services' Maryland Parole Commission. The language states:

That, on or before October 1, 2013, the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services shall report to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee and the House Judiciary Committee in accordance with §2-1246 of the State Government Article, on:

- (1) The number of inmates whose sentences of imprisonment following a revocation of parole were reduced under the provisions of this Act, broken down by the type of crime that the inmate committed that led to the revocation of parole; and*
- (2) The recidivism rate of individuals released as a result of this Act from a term of imprisonment following a revocation of parole.*

Please find the attached report. We hope that this report will be informative and helpful to you and your committee members. If the Parole Commission can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 410.585.3210 or Kevin Loeb, Director of Legislative Affairs, at 410-339-5051.

Sincerely,


David R. Blumberg, Chairman

Cc:

Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
Members of the House Judiciary Committee
Mr. John Griffin, Chief of Staff, Governor's Office
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Director Kevin C. Loeb, Office of Legislative Affairs

**Maryland Parole Commission
Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services
Joint Chairmen's Report**

Report on the Number of inmates Paroled Under the provisions of HB 1174

Request:

“Provided that the Dept. of Public Safety and Correctional Services shall report to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee and the House Judiciary Committee, in accordance with §2-1246 of the State Government Article, on:

- (1) The number of inmates whose sentences of imprisonment following a revocation of parole were reduced under the provisions of this Act, broken down by the type of crime that the inmate committed that led to the revocation of parole; and
- (2) The recidivism rate of individuals released as a result this Act from a term of imprisonment following a revocation of parole.

Response: HB 1174 was enacted on October 1, 2011. Since the bill took effect there have been 166 inmates paroled under the provisions of this statute. In 2011 two inmates were granted parole, 22 in 2012 and for 2013 there were 147 inmates granted parole. A total of 33 inmates have been returned to incarceration; 28 committed technical violations and the remaining 5 returned with new offenses. Below is the list of crimes these inmates were serving at the time of their revocation hearing. In most cases these inmates were serving sentences for multiple crimes. The list reflects the frequency of the crime and not the actual number of releases.

Drug Offenses

PWID—34
VOP (PWID)—30
Consp. PWID—3
VOP (Consp. PWID)—3
Dist. CDS—23
VOP (Dist. CDS)—19
Poss. CDS—24
VOP (Poss. CDS)—7
Poss. Non-CDS—1

Property Offenses

Theft—25
VOP (Theft)—12
Auto Theft—4
VOP (Auto Theft)—2
Unauthorized Use—1

Weapons Offenses

Poss. Regulated Firearm--12
VOP (Poss. Regulated Firearm)—2
Use of Handgun--7
VOP (Use of Handgun)--2
Poss. Handgun--1
Poss. Illegal Shotgun--1
Deadly Weapon--2
VOP (Deadly Weapon)--2

Crimes against Person

Att. Murder--2
VOP (Att. Murder)--1
2 Murder--3
Att. 2 Murder--1
1 Assault--2

VOP (Unauthorized Use)—1
1 Burglary—6
VOP (1 Burglary)—3
2 Burglary—3
VOP (2 Burglary)—1
3 Burglary—1
VOP (3 Burglary)—2
4 Burglary—2
VOP (4 Burglary)—2
Forgery—1
VOP (Uttering)—1
Fraud—2
Credit Card—1
RWDW—4
VOP (RWDW)—2
Robbery—9
VOP (Robbery)—4
Carjacking—1
VOP (Carjacking)—1

VOP (1 Assault)--1
2 Assault--20
VOP (2 Assault)--10
Reckless Endangerment--3
Malicious Wounding--1
Resisting Arrest--4
VOP (Resisting Arrest)--1
Telephone Misuse--1
Harassment--1
1 Arson--3

Miscellaneous

Escape--1
2 Escape--1
Trespass--2
Fleeing & Eluding--1
Att. Fleeing & Eluding--2
VOP (Att. Fleeing & Eluding)--2
Destruction of Property—3
VOP (Destruction of Property)—1
Driving Suspended/Revoked—5
Rogue & Vagabond—2
Fail to Register Sex Offender—1