

James M. Jeffords Center's
Vermont Legislative Research Service



Parole, Sentencing Guidelines, and Supervised Release

Since the 1980's, questions have arisen surrounding sentencing guidelines and the release of offenders from prison. In 1984, the Federal

defendant's Sixth Amendment right. The Court's second conclusion held that the question of the guidelines' constitutionality could be remedied if they

Sentencing Commission Authority Act of 2005 lengthened the Parole Commission's existence through November 2008. In 2008, the United States Parole Commission Extension Act was passed, allowing the Parole Commission to exist through November 2011. Most recently, the United States Parole Commission Extension Act of 2011 has allowed for the continuation of the USPC through November 2013.¹²

Presently, the USPC is still a functioning body. As an entity, it possesses jurisdiction over

2008-2009 session,²⁶ which authorized furlough 180 days before co

Disclaimer: This report has been compiled by undergraduate students at the University of Vermont under the supervision of Professor Anthony Gierzynski. The material contained in the report does not reflect the official policy of the University of Vermont.