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**"AN ACT CONCERNING SENTENCE REDUCTION OR RELIEF FOR SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, STALKING OR HUMAN TRAFFICKING."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 53a-54b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

5 A person is guilty of murder with special circumstances who is  
6 convicted of any of the following and was eighteen years of age or older  
7 at the time of the offense: (1) Murder of a member of the Division of  
8 State Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public  
9 Protection or of any local police department, a chief inspector or  
10 inspector in the Division of Criminal Justice, a state marshal who is  
11 exercising authority granted under any provision of the general statutes,  
12 a judicial marshal in performance of the duties of a judicial marshal, a  
13 constable who performs criminal law enforcement duties, a special

14 policeman appointed under section 29-18, a conservation officer or  
 15 special conservation officer appointed by the Commissioner of Energy  
 16 and Environmental Protection under the provisions of section 26-5, an  
 17 employee of the Department of Correction or a person providing  
 18 services on behalf of said department when such employee or person is  
 19 acting within the scope of such employee's or person's employment or  
 20 duties in a correctional institution or facility and the actor is confined in  
 21 such institution or facility, or any firefighter, while such victim was  
 22 acting within the scope of such victim's duties; (2) murder committed  
 23 by a defendant who is hired to commit the same for pecuniary gain or  
 24 murder committed by one who is hired by the defendant to commit the  
 25 same for pecuniary gain; (3) murder committed by one who has  
 26 previously been convicted of intentional murder or of murder  
 27 committed in the course of commission of a felony; (4) murder  
 28 committed by one who was, at the time of commission of the murder,  
 29 under sentence of life imprisonment; (5) murder by a kidnapper of a  
 30 kidnapped person during the course of the kidnapping or before such  
 31 person is able to return or be returned to safety; (6) murder committed  
 32 in the course of the commission of sexual assault in the first degree; (7)  
 33 murder of two or more persons at the same time or in the course of a  
 34 single transaction; [or] (8) murder of a person under sixteen years of age;  
 35 or (9) murder committed in the course of the commission of a family  
 36 violence crime, as defined in section 46b-38a."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	October 1, 2026	53a-54b