

2024 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 9

BY REPRESENTATIVES VILLIO AND MIKE JOHNSON AND SENATOR MORRIS

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:574.4(A)(1)(a), (2), (3), (4)(introductory paragraph),
3 (5)(a)(introductory paragraph), and (6)(a)(introductory paragraph) and (B)(1) and
4 (2)(introductory paragraph) and to enact R.S. 15:574.22, relative to parole; to
5 provide relative to parole eligibility; to provide for the restriction of parole
6 eligibility; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 15:574.4(A)(1)(a), (2), (3), (4)(introductory paragraph),
9 (5)(a)(introductory paragraph), and (6)(a)(introductory paragraph) and (B)(1) and
10 (2)(introductory paragraph) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 15:574.22 is hereby
11 enacted to read as follows:

12 §574.4. Parole; eligibility; juvenile offenders

13 A.(1)(a) Unless eligible at an earlier date, a person otherwise eligible for
14 parole shall be eligible for parole consideration upon serving twenty-five percent of
15 the sentence imposed. The provisions of this Subparagraph shall not apply to any
16 person whose instant offense is a crime of violence as defined in R.S. 14:2(B), a sex
17 offense as defined in R.S. 15:541, or any offense which would constitute a crime of
18 violence as defined in R.S. 14:2(B) or a sex offense as defined in R.S. 15:541, or
19 whose instant offense is a fourth or subsequent conviction of a nonviolent felony
20 offense, regardless of the date of conviction. Notwithstanding any provisions of law
21 to the contrary, the provisions of this ~~Subparagraph~~ Subsection shall be applicable
22 to persons ~~convicted of~~ who have committed offenses prior to ~~and on or after~~
23 ~~November 1, 2017~~ August 1, 2024.

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1 (5)(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (A)(1) or Subsection B
 2 of this Section ~~or any other provision of law to the contrary~~ and except as provided
 3 in R.S. 15:574.22, a person committed to the Department of Public Safety and
 4 Corrections shall be eligible for parole consideration upon serving fifteen years in
 5 actual custody if all of the following conditions are met:

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7 (6)(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection or
 8 Subsection B of this Section ~~or of any provision of law to the contrary~~ and except as
 9 provided in R.S. 15:574.22, a person committed to the Department of Public Safety
 10 and Corrections shall be eligible for parole consideration upon serving fifteen years
 11 in actual custody if all of the following conditions are met:

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13 B.(1) Except as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, and except as
 14 provided in Paragraph (A)(5) and Subsections D, E, and H of this Section, no
 15 prisoner serving a life sentence shall be eligible for parole consideration until his life
 16 sentence has been commuted to a fixed term of years. No prisoner sentenced as a
 17 serial sexual offender shall be eligible for parole. No prisoner may be paroled while
 18 there is pending against him any indictment or information for any crime suspected
 19 of having been committed by him while a prisoner. ~~Notwithstanding any other~~
 20 ~~provisions of law to the contrary~~ Except as provided in R.S. 15:574.22, a person
 21 convicted of a crime of violence and not otherwise ineligible for parole shall serve
 22 at least sixty-five percent of the sentence imposed, before being eligible for parole.
 23 The victim or victim's family shall be notified whenever the offender is to be
 24 released provided that the victim or victim's family has completed a Louisiana victim
 25 notice and registration form as provided in R.S. 46:1841 et seq., or has otherwise
 26 provided contact information and has indicated to the Department of Public Safety
 27 and Corrections, Crime Victims Services Bureau, that they desire such notification.

28 (2) ~~Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary~~ Except as provided
 29 in R.S. 15:574.22, any person serving a life sentence, with or without the benefit of
 30 parole, who has not been convicted of a crime of violence as defined by R.S.

