

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 245

BY REPRESENTATIVE FONTENOT

PAROLE: Provides relative to medical parole

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:574.2(D)(8)(a) and (D)(9)(a)(i) and 574.22, relative to
3 medical parole and medical treatment furlough; to provide notice to certain
4 individuals before a hearing on medical parole or medical treatment furlough; to
5 provide for medical parole for permanently disabled and terminally ill offenders; and
6 to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 15:574.2(D)(8)(a) and (D)(9)(a)(i) and 574.22 are hereby amended
9 and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §574.2. Committee on parole, Board of Pardons; membership; qualifications;
11 vacancies; compensation; domicile; venue; meetings; quorum; panels;
12 powers and duties; transfer of property to committee; representation of
13 applicants before the committee; prohibitions

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15 D. In accordance with the provisions of this Part, the committee on parole
16 shall have the following powers and duties:

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the Department of Public Safety & Corrections (DPS&C) committee on parole to provide written notice to certain individuals at least 90 days before a parole hearing and at least 30 days before a hearing on medical parole or medical treatment furlough.

Present law provides for parole, medical parole, and medical treatment furlough under certain circumstances following a hearing.

Present law requires the DPS&C committee on parole to provide written notice of a parole hearing to the district attorney of the convicting parish and the attorney general at least 90 days prior to the hearing.

Present law requires the DPS&C committee on parole to provide written notice of a parole hearing to the victim, or spouse or next of kin of a deceased victim, not less than 90 days prior to a parole hearing.

Proposed law modifies present law and directs the DPS&C committee on parole to provide the written notice to the district attorney of the convicting parish, the attorney general, and the victim, or spouse or next of kin of a deceased victim, at least 90 days prior to a parole hearing and at least 30 days prior to a hearing on medical parole or medical treatment furlough.

Proposed law adds medical parole and medical treatment furlough to the exceptions for parole ineligibility.

(Amends R.S. 15:574.2(D)(8)(a) and (D)(9)(a)(i) and 574.22)