

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 628

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRYANT

PAROLE: Provides relative to parole eligibility

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:574.4(A)(2), relative to parole; to provide relative to parole  
3 eligibility; to provide that persons convicted of an offense that is both a crime of  
4 violence and a sex offense shall not be eligible for parole; to provide for prospective  
5 and retroactive application; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 15:574.4(A)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §574.4. Parole; eligibility; juvenile offenders

9 A.

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11 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection or any  
12 other law to the contrary, unless eligible for parole at an earlier date, a person  
13 committed to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections for a term or terms  
14 of imprisonment with or without benefit of parole for thirty years or more shall be  
15 eligible for parole consideration upon serving at least twenty years of the term or  
16 terms of imprisonment in actual custody and upon reaching the age of forty-five.  
17 This provision shall not apply to a person serving a life sentence unless the sentence  
18 has been commuted to a fixed term of years. The provisions of this Paragraph shall  
19 not apply to any person who has been convicted of an offense that is both a crime of  
20 violence as defined in R.S. 14:2(B) and a sex offense as defined in R.S. 15:541 when

1 the offense was committed on or after January 1, 1997. The provisions of this  
 2 Paragraph shall not apply to any person who has been convicted of a crime of  
 3 violence as defined in R.S. 14:2(B) or a sex offense as defined in R.S. 15:541 when  
 4 the offense was committed on or after August 1, 2014.

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6 Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall be given prospective and retroactive  
 7 application.

DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides that persons convicted of both a crime of violence and a sex offense when the offense was committed on or after Jan. 1, 1997, shall not be eligible for parole.

Present law provides that persons committed to the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections for a term or terms of imprisonment with or without the benefit of parole for 30 years or more shall be eligible for parole consideration upon serving at least 20 years of the term or terms of imprisonment in actual custody and upon reaching the age of 45. Further provides that present law does not apply to a person serving a life sentence unless such sentence has been commuted to a fixed term of years and does not apply to any person who has been convicted of a crime of violence or a sex offense when the offense was committed on or after Aug. 1, 2014.

Proposed law provides that present law does not apply to any person who has been convicted of an offense that is both a crime of violence and a sex offense when the offense was committed on or after Jan. 1, 1997.

Provides that proposed law shall have prospective and retroactive application.

(Amends R.S. 15:574.4(A)(2))