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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to eligibility for medical parole.

Present law provides for medical parole.

Present law further provides that an offender eligible for consideration for release under the program shall be any offender who, because of an existing medical or physical condition, is determined by the department to be designated as either "permanently disabled" or "terminally ill".

Proposed law amends present law to remove the references of "permanently disabled" or "terminally ill" and provides that an offender shall also be eligible for release under the medical parole program if he has a behavioral or mental health disorder.

Proposed law further provides that an offender shall also be eligible for release under the medical parole program if the department designates him as either an "advanced age offender", "incapacitated offender", "incompetent offender", or has "serious impairment".

Proposed law defines the terms "advanced age offender", "incapacitated offender", "incompetent offender", and "serious impairment".

Present law provides that medical parole shall not be available to any offender serving a sentence for a conviction of first degree murder (R.S. 14:30) or second degree murder (R.S. 14:30.1) or an offender who is awaiting execution.

Proposed law removes this provision from present law.

Present law provides that an offender eligible for consideration for release under the medical treatment furlough program shall be any offender who is ineligible for release on medical parole pursuant to present law and is determined by the department to be a limited-mobility offender.

Proposed law amends present law to provide that an offender eligible for consideration for release under the medical treatment furlough program shall be any offender who is determined by the department to be a limited-mobility offender.

(Amends R.S. 15:574.20(B) and (C)(2)(a))