

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 413

BY REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON

PARDON/PAROLE: Provides with respect to parole eligibility

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:574.4(A)(2), relative to parole eligibility; to provide that
3 offenders convicted of certain offenses are not eligible for parole consideration after
4 having served a certain number of years; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

7 §574.4. Parole; eligibility

8 A.

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10 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection or any
11 other law to the contrary, unless eligible for parole at an earlier date, a person
12 committed to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections for a term or terms
13 of imprisonment with or without benefit of parole for thirty years or more shall be
14 eligible for parole consideration upon serving at least twenty years of the term or
15 terms of imprisonment in actual custody and upon reaching the age of forty-five.
16 This provision shall not apply to a person serving a life sentence unless the sentence
17 has been commuted to a fixed term of years. The provisions of this Paragraph shall
18 not apply to any person who has been convicted under the provisions of R.S. 14:64.
19 The provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to any person who has been

1 convicted of a crime of violence as defined in R.S. 14:2(B) or a sex offense as
2 defined in R.S. 15:541.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates exceptions for certain types of parole eligibility.

Present law provides that a person committed to the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections for a term or terms of imprisonment with or without 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.

Present law does not apply to those persons serving life sentences unless the sentence has been commuted to a fixed term of years and for persons convicted of armed robbery.

Proposed law retains present law and exempts from present law those persons convicted of crimes of violence or sex offenses.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill.

1. Removed exemption for those persons sentenced as habitual offenders.