

**SB 217 BY SENATOR MALONE**

**KEYWORD AND SUMMARY**

PARDON/PAROLE. Constitutional amendment to limit the automatic pardon to persons convicted of a non-violent crime.

**SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL**

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

1. Adds the following crimes to those which may receive an automatic pardon for first offenses: aggravated battery, second degree battery, aggravated assault, mingling harmful substances, aggravated criminal damage to property, purse snatching, extortion, or illegal use of weapons or dangerous instrumentalities.

**DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS IT LEFT THE SENATE**

Present constitution provides for an automatic pardon for a first offender never previously convicted of a felony upon completion of his sentence, without a recommendation of the Board of Pardons and without action by the governor.

Proposed constitutional amendment clarifies that the automatic pardon for a first offender is only for those convicted on a non-violent crime.

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