

Prior law provided that any person who violates certain heroin-related crimes shall be sentenced to imprisonment, at hard labor, for not less than five nor more than 50 years, at least five years of which shall be served without benefit of probation or suspension of sentence, and may, in addition, be required to pay a fine of not more than \$50,000.

New law provides that unless eligible for parole at an earlier date, a person committed to DPS&C serving a life sentence for the production, manufacturing, distribution, or dispensing or possessing with intent to produce, manufacture, or distribute heroin shall be eligible for parole consideration upon serving at least 15 years of imprisonment in actual custody.

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(Adds R.S. 15:574.4(A)(4) and R.S. 40:966(H))