

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 399

BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE

CRIMINAL/PROCEDURE: Provides relative to temporary release of inmates for limited purposes

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:833.2(A), relative to temporary release of an inmate for  
3 limited purposes; to provide for the number of days in which death is expected for  
4 purposes of authorizing temporary release; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 15:833.2(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §833.2. Temporary release of inmate for limited purposes

8 A. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, the secretary  
9 may authorize the temporary release of any inmate, except an inmate sentenced to  
10 death, for palliative or medical care when an inmate is diagnosed with a terminal  
11 illness, and death is expected within ~~sixty~~ one hundred twenty days or when an  
12 inmate is to be confined to an acute care hospital or nursing home with a condition  
13 that totally prevents mobility, including but not limited to prolonged coma or  
14 mechanical ventilation.

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DIGEST

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HB 399 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Changes the number of days in which death is expected for purposes of temporary release from 60 to 120.

Present law provides that the secretary of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C) may authorize temporary release of an inmate when the inmate is diagnosed with a terminal illness and death is expected within 60 days.

Proposed law changes the timeframe for which death is expected from 60 days to 120 days. Otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 15:833.2(A))