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2024 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 9

BY REPRESENTATIVES VILLIO AND MIKE JOHNSON AND SENATOR MORRIS

1	AN ACT	
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 15:574.4(A)(1)(a), (2), (3), (4)(introductory paragraph),	
3	(5)(a)(introductory paragraph), and (6)(a)(introductory paragraph) and (B)(1) and	
4	(2)(introductory paragraph) and to enact R.S. 15:574.22, relative to parole; to	
5	provide relative to parole eligibility; to provide for the restriction of parole	
6	eligibility; and to provide for related matters.	
7	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:	
8	Section 1. R.S. 15:574.4(A)(1)(a), (2), (3), (4)(introductory paragraph),	
9	(5)(a)(introductory paragraph), and (6)(a)(introductory paragraph) and (B)(1) and	
10	(2)(introductory paragraph) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 15:574.22 is hereby	
11	enacted to read as follows:	
12	§574.4. Parole; eligibility; juvenile offenders	
13	A.(1)(a) Unless eligible at an earlier date, a person otherwise eligible for	
14	parole shall be eligible for parole consideration upon serving twenty-five percent of	
15	the sentence imposed. The provisions of this Subparagraph shall not apply to any	
16	person whose instant offense is a crime of violence as defined in R.S. 14:2(B), a sex	
17	offense as defined in R.S. 15:541, or any offense which would constitute a crime of	
18	violence as defined in R.S. 14:2(B) or a sex offense as defined in R.S. 15:541, or	
19	whose instant offense is a fourth or subsequent conviction of a nonviolent felony	
20	offense, regardless of the date of conviction. Notwithstanding any provisions of law	
21	to the contrary, the provisions of this Subparagraph Subsection shall be applicable	
22	to persons convicted of who have committed offenses prior to and on or after	
23	November 1, 2017 August 1, 2024.	
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1 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection or any 2 other law to the contrary and except as provided in R.S. 15:574.22, unless eligible 3 for parole at an earlier date, a person committed to the Department of Public Safety 4 and Corrections for a term or terms of imprisonment with or without benefit of 5 parole for thirty years or more shall be eligible for parole consideration upon serving 6 at least twenty years of the term or terms of imprisonment in actual custody and upon 7 reaching the age of forty-five. This provision shall not apply to a person serving a 8 life sentence unless the sentence has been commuted to a fixed term of years. The 9 provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to any person who has been convicted 10 of an offense that is both a crime of violence as defined in R.S. 14:2(B) and a sex 11 offense as defined in R.S. 15:541 when the offense was committed on or after 12 January 1, 1997. The provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to any person who 13 has been convicted of a crime of violence as defined in R.S. 14:2(B) or a sex offense 14 as defined in R.S. 15:541 when the offense was committed on or after August 1, 15 2014.

16 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (A)(1) or (2) of this Section
17 or any other provision of law to the contrary and except as provided in R.S.
18 <u>15:574.22</u>, unless eligible for parole at an earlier date, a person committed to the
19 Department of Public Safety and Corrections serving a life sentence for the
20 production, manufacturing, distribution, or dispensing or possessing with intent to
21 produce, manufacture, or distribute heroin shall be eligible for parole consideration
22 upon serving at least fifteen years of imprisonment in actual custody.

(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary Except as
provided in R.S. 15:574.22, unless eligible for parole at an earlier date, a person
committed to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections for a term or terms
of imprisonment with or without benefit of parole who has served at least ten years
of the term or terms of imprisonment in actual custody shall be eligible for parole
consideration upon reaching the age of sixty years if all of the following conditions
have been met:

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1	(5)(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph $(A)(1)$ or Subsection B		
2	of this Section or any other provision of law to the contrary and except as provided		
3	in R.S. 15:574.22, a person committed to the Department of Public Safety and		
4	Corrections shall be eligible for parole consideration upon serving fifteen years in		
5	actual custody if all of the following conditions are met:		
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7	(6)(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection or		
8	Subsection B of this Section or of any provision of law to the contrary and except as		
9	provided in R.S. 15:574.22, a person committed to the Department of Public Safety		
10	and Corrections shall be eligible for parole consideration upon serving fifteen years		
11	in actual custody if all of the following conditions are met:		
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13	B.(1) Except as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, and except as		
14	provided in Paragraph (A)(5) and Subsections D, E, and H of this Section, no		
15	prisoner serving a life sentence shall be eligible for parole consideration until his life		
16	sentence has been commuted to a fixed term of years. No prisoner sentenced as a		
17	serial sexual offender shall be eligible for parole. No prisoner may be paroled while		
18	there is pending against him any indictment or information for any crime suspected		
19	of having been committed by him while a prisoner. Notwithstanding any other		
20	provisions of law to the contrary Except as provided in R.S. 15:574.22, a person		
21	convicted of a crime of violence and not otherwise ineligible for parole shall serve		
22	at least sixty-five percent of the sentence imposed, before being eligible for parole.		
23	The victim or victim's family shall be notified whenever the offender is to be		
24	released provided that the victim or victim's family has completed a Louisiana victim		
25	notice and registration form as provided in R.S. 46:1841 et seq., or has otherwise		
26	provided contact information and has indicated to the Department of Public Safety		
27	and Corrections, Crime Victims Services Bureau, that they desire such notification.		
28	(2) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary Except as provided		
29	in R.S. 15:574.22, any person serving a life sentence, with or without the benefit of		
30	parole, who has not been convicted of a crime of violence as defined by R.S.		

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1	14:2(B), a sex offense as define	ed by R.S. 15:541, or an offense, regardless of the date
2	of conviction, which would co	nstitute a crime of violence as defined by R.S. 14:2(B)
3	or a sex offense as defined by	R.S. 15:541, shall be eligible for parole consideration
4	as follows:	
5	,	* * *
6	§574.22. Parole ineligibility	
7	No person committed t	o the Department of Public Safety and Corrections for
8	an offense committed on or af	ter August 1, 2024, shall be eligible for parole under
9	this Part except a person who	satisfies the provisions of R.S. 15:574.4(D), (E), (F),
10	<u>(G), (H), (J), or (K).</u>	

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____

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