

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 523

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRYANT

PARDON/PAROLE: Provides relative to parole eligibility for certain individuals

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 15:574.4(L), relative to parole; to provide for parole eligibility for juvenile  
3 and certain other offenders; to provide for criteria for parole eligibility; to provide  
4 for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 15:574.4(L) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §574.4. Parole; eligibility; juvenile offenders

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9 L.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary and except as  
10 provided in R.S. 15:574.22, any person serving a sentence of life imprisonment for  
11 a conviction of second degree murder (R.S. 14:30.1) shall be eligible for parole  
12 consideration pursuant to the provisions of this Subsection if all of the following  
13 conditions have been met:

14 (a) The person was at least seventeen years of age and under the age of  
15 twenty-five years at the time of the commission of the offense.

16 (b) The person's conviction for a violation of R.S. 14:30.1 is his first and  
17 only felony conviction.

18 (c) The person has served at least thirty years of the sentence imposed.

19 (2) The provisions of this Subsection shall not apply to any of the following  
20 individuals:

- 1                   (a) A person serving a sentence of life imprisonment for a conviction of R.S.  
2                   14:30.
- 3                   (b) A person convicted of a sex offense as defined in R.S. 15:541.
- 4                   (c) A person convicted of any criminal offense that involves a victim who  
5                   is under the age of thirteen.
- 6                   Section 2. This Act shall be known as and may be cited as the "Hope For  
7                   Redemption Act".

## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to parole eligibility for juvenile and certain other individuals.

Present law provides for parole eligibility.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law provides that except as provided in present law (R.S. 15:574.22), any person serving a sentence of life imprisonment for a conviction of second degree murder (R.S. 14:30.1) shall be eligible for parole consideration pursuant to the provisions of proposed law if all of the following conditions have been met:

- (1) The person was at least 17 years of age and under the age of 25 years at the time of the commission of the offense.
- (2) The person's conviction for second degree murder (R.S. 14:30.1) is his first and only felony conviction.
- (3) The person has served at least 30 years of the sentence imposed.

Proposed law does not extend to any of the following individuals:

- (1) A person serving a sentence of life imprisonment for a conviction of first degree murder (R.S. 14:30).
- (2) A person convicted of a sex offense (R.S.15:541).
- (3) A person convicted of any criminal offense that involves a victim who is under the age of 13.

Proposed law shall be known as and may be cited as the "Hope For Redemption Act".

(Adds R.S. 15:574.4(L))