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## 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))