

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 245

BY REPRESENTATIVE FONTENOT

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:574.2(D)(8)(a) and (D)(9)(a)(i) and 574.22, relative to
3 medical parole and medical treatment furlough; to provide notice to certain
4 individuals before a hearing on medical parole or medical treatment furlough; to
5 provide for medical parole for permanently disabled and terminally ill offenders; and
6 to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 15:574.2(D)(8)(a) and (D)(9)(a)(i) and 574.22 are hereby amended
9 and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §574.2. Committee on parole, Board of Pardons; membership; qualifications;
11 vacancies; compensation; domicile; venue; meetings; quorum; panels;
12 powers and duties; transfer of property to committee; representation of
13 applicants before the committee; prohibitions

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15 D. In accordance with the provisions of this Part, the committee on parole
16 shall have the following powers and duties:

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18 (8)(a) To notify the district attorney of the parish where the conviction
19 occurred and the attorney general. The notification shall be in writing and shall be
20 issued at least ninety days prior to the parole hearing date and at least thirty days
21 prior to a medical parole or medical treatment furlough hearing date. The district
22 attorney of the parish where the conviction occurred and the attorney general ~~shall~~
23 ~~be allowed to~~ may review the record of the offender since incarceration, including

1 but not limited to any educational or vocational training, rehabilitative program
2 participation, disciplinary conduct, and risk assessment score. The district attorney
3 and the attorney general ~~shall be allowed to~~ may present testimony to the committee
4 on parole and submit information relevant to the proceedings.

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6 (9)(a)(i) To notify the victim, or the spouse or next of kin of a deceased
7 victim, when the offender is scheduled for a parole hearing. The notification shall
8 be in writing and sent by mail or electronic communications ~~no less than~~ at least
9 ninety days prior to the parole hearing date and at least thirty days prior to a medical
10 parole or medical treatment furlough hearing date. The notice shall advise the
11 victim, or the spouse or next of kin of a deceased victim, of how to obtain
12 information about their rights with regard to the hearing. The notice is not required
13 when the victim, or the spouse or next of kin of a deceased victim, advises the
14 committee in writing that such notification is not desired.

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16 §574.22. Parole ineligibility

17 No person committed to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections for
18 an offense committed on or after August 1, 2024, ~~shall be~~ is eligible for parole ~~under~~
19 pursuant to this Part except a person who satisfies the provisions of R.S.
20 15:574.4(D), (E), (F), (G), (H), (J), or (K), or R.S. 15:574.20(B) or (C).

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____