
DIGEST

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Jefferson

HB No. 210

Abstract: Provides changes regarding the eligibility for medical parole.

Present law provides that the decision to grant medical parole rests solely with the committee on parole.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that any inmate, except when incarcerated for first or second degree murder, may be considered by the committee on parole for medical parole unless the inmate is sentenced to death or has a contagious disease.

Proposed law removes the disqualification of having a contagious disease from eligibility for consideration of medical parole.

Present law contains criteria for consideration involving inmates who are permanently incapacitated or terminally ill. Both of the criteria contain the element that the inmate because of his condition does not constitute a danger to himself or others.

Proposed law removes the "danger to himself or others" element from the definition of "permanently disabled inmate" and "terminally ill inmate".

Proposed law adds the definition of "terminally ill" to mean a life expectancy of less than one year due to an underlying medical condition.

(Amends R.S. 15:574.20(A)(1) and (B))