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Moreno HB No. 756

Abstract: Authorizes work release opportunities for certain industries using water vessels.

<u>Present law</u> provides for the establishment of work release programs by Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections and the sheriff.

<u>Present law</u> provides for criteria for participation in work release programs.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u>.

<u>Present law</u> further provides that no inmate employed in these work release programs shall be employed in a position which would necessitate his departure from the state, except for those inmates assigned to work release programs who are employed in industries off the coast of Louisiana.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and expands the exception to authorize work release for inmates employed in industries that require work on a water vessel that may temporarily depart from the state on navigable waterways while restricted to that water vessel.

(Amends R.S. 15:711(H) and 1111(J))