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## SENATE ENROLLED ACT No. 174

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AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

SECTION 1. IC 35-31.5-2-351.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 351.5. "Violent criminal", for purposes of IC 35-38-1-17, has the meaning set forth in IC 35-38-1-17.**

SECTION 2. IC 35-38-1-17, AS AMENDED BY P.L.168-2014, SECTION 58, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 17. (a) **Notwithstanding IC 1-1-5.5-21, this section applies to a person who:**

- (1) commits an offense; or**
- (2) is sentenced;**

**before July 1, 2014.**

**(b) This section does not apply to a credit restricted felon.**

**(c) Except as provided in subsections (k) and (m), this section does not apply to a violent criminal.**

**(d) As used in this section, "violent criminal" means a person convicted of any of the following offenses:**

- (1) Murder (IC 35-42-1-1).**
- (2) Attempted murder (IC 35-41-5-1).**
- (3) Voluntary manslaughter (IC 35-42-1-3).**

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- (4) Involuntary manslaughter (IC 35-42-1-4).**
- (5) Reckless homicide (IC 35-42-1-5).**
- (6) Aggravated battery (IC 35-42-2-1.5).**
- (7) Kidnapping (IC 35-42-3-2).**
- (8) Rape (IC 35-42-4-1).**
- (9) Criminal deviate conduct (IC 35-42-4-2) (before its repeal).**
- (10) Child molesting (IC 35-42-4-3).**
- (11) Sexual misconduct with a minor as a Level 1 felony under IC 35-42-4-9(a)(2) or a Level 2 felony under IC 35-42-4-9(b)(2).**
- (12) Robbery as a Level 2 felony or a Level 3 felony (IC 35-42-5-1).**
- (13) Burglary as a Level 1 felony, Level 2 felony, Level 3 felony, or Level 4 felony (IC 35-43-2-1).**
- (14) Unlawful possession of a firearm by a serious violent felon (IC 35-47-4-5).**

~~(b)~~ **(e)** Not later than three hundred sixty-five (365) days **At any time** after:

- (1) a convicted person begins serving the person's sentence; and
- (2) the court obtains a report from the department of correction concerning the convicted person's conduct while imprisoned;

the court may reduce or suspend the sentence and impose a sentence that the court was authorized to impose at the time of sentencing. The court must incorporate its reasons in the record.

~~(c)~~ **(e)** If more than three hundred sixty-five (365) days have elapsed since the convicted person began serving the sentence, the court may reduce or suspend the sentence and impose a sentence that the court was authorized to impose at the time of sentencing. The court must incorporate its reasons in the record:

~~(d)~~ **(f)** If the court sets a hearing on a petition under this section, the court must give notice to the prosecuting attorney and the prosecuting attorney must give notice to the victim (as defined in IC 35-31.5-2-348) of the crime for which the convicted person is serving the sentence.

~~(e)~~ **(g)** The court may suspend a sentence for a felony under this section only if suspension is permitted under IC 35-50-2-2.2.

~~(f)~~ **(h)** The court may deny a request to suspend or reduce a sentence under this section without making written findings and conclusions.

~~(g)~~ **(i)** The court is not required to conduct a hearing before reducing or suspending a sentence under this section if:

- (1) the prosecuting attorney has filed with the court an agreement of the reduction or suspension of the sentence; and



(2) the convicted person has filed with the court a waiver of the right to be present when the order to reduce or suspend the sentence is considered.

~~(h)~~ **(j) This subsection applies only to a convicted person who is not a violent criminal.** A convicted person **who is not a violent criminal** may file a petition for sentence modification under this section:

- (1) not more than one (1) time in any three hundred sixty-five (365) day period; and
- (2) a maximum of two (2) times during any consecutive period of incarceration;

**without the consent of the prosecuting attorney.**

**(k) This subsection applies to a convicted person who is a violent criminal. A convicted person who is a violent criminal may, not later than three hundred sixty-five (365) days from the date of sentencing, file one (1) petition for sentence modification under this section without the consent of the prosecuting attorney. After the elapse of the three hundred sixty-five (365) day period, a violent criminal may not file a petition for sentence modification without the consent of the prosecuting attorney.**

~~(i)~~ **(l)** A person may not waive the right to sentence modification under this section as part of a plea agreement. Any purported waiver of the right to sentence modification under this section in a plea agreement is invalid and unenforceable as against public policy. This subsection does not prohibit the finding of a waiver of the right to sentence modification for any other reason, including failure to comply with the provisions of this section.

**(m) Notwithstanding subsection (k), a person who commits an offense after June 30, 2014, and before May 15, 2015, may file one (1) petition for sentence modification without the consent of the prosecuting attorney, even if the person has previously filed a petition for sentence modification.**

**SECTION 3. An emergency is declared for this act.**



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President of the Senate

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President Pro Tempore

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Governor of the State of Indiana

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