HLS 10RS-362 ORIGINAL

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 35

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CORRECTIONS/PRISONERS: Provides with respect to eligibility for parole consideration for certain elderly inmates

AN ACT

2	To enact R.S. 15:574.4(A)(4), relative to parole; to provide for eligibility for parole
3	consideration for certain inmates who are at least sixty years of age and have been
4	incarcerated for at least ten years; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for
5	related matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 15:574.4(A)(4) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
8	§574.4. Parole; eligibility; consideration and hearings; decisions of board; nature,
9	order, and conditions; rules of conduct; offenders convicted of crimes of
10	violence; infectious disease testing
11	A.
12	* * *
13	(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, unless
14	eligible for parole at an earlier date, a person committed to the Department of Public
15	Safety and Corrections for a term or terms of imprisonment with or without benefit
16	of parole who has served at least ten years of the term or terms of imprisonment in
17	actual custody shall be eligible for parole consideration upon reaching the age of
18	sixty years. The provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to any inmate who has
19	been convicted of a crime of violence as defined in R.S. 14:2(B) or a sex offense as

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defined in R.S. 15:541, or an inmate who has been sentenced as an habitual offender

2 pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 15:529.1.

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## **DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Provides for parole consideration for those inmates who have served 10 years in prison and have reached the age of 60 years.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that any person sentenced to the custody of DPS&C who has served at least 10 years of a term of imprisonment shall be eligible for parole consideration upon reaching the age of 60.

<u>Proposed law</u> shall not apply to any inmate convicted of a crime of violence or a sex offense, or an inmate sentenced as an habitual offender.

(Adds R.S. 15:574.4(A)(4))