Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 946

BY REPRESENTATIVE RICHMOND

PAROLE: Authorizes geriatric parole for certain inmates

| 1 | AN ACT |
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| 2 | To enact R.S. 15:574.4(A)(4), relative to parole; to provide for eligibility for parole |
| 3 | consideration for certain inmates; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for |
| 4 | related matters. |
| 5 | Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: |
| 6 | Section 1. R.S. 15:574.4(A)(4) is hereby enacted to read as follows: |
| 7 | §574.4. Parole; eligibility; consideration and hearings; decisions of board; nature, |
| 8 | order, and conditions; rules of conduct; offenders convicted of crimes of |
| 9 | violence; infectious disease testing |
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| 12 | (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, unless |
| 13 | eligible for parole at an earlier date, a person committed to the Department of Public |
| 14 | Safety and Corrections for a term or terms of imprisonment with or without benefit |
| 15 | of parole who has served at least fifteen years of the term or terms of imprisonment |
| 16 | in actual custody shall be eligible for parole consideration upon reaching the age of |
| 17 | fifty-five years. The provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to any inmate who |
| 18 | has been convicted of a sex offense as defined in R.S. 15:541, first degree murder |
| 19 | (R.S. 14:30), second degree murder (R.S. 14:30.1), aggravated battery (R.S. 14:34), |
| 20 | forcible rape (R.S. 14:42.1), aggravated arson (R.S. 14:51), armed robbery (R.S. |

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| 1 | 14:64), attempted murder (R.S. 14:27 and 29), attempted armed robbery (R.S. 14:27 |
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| 2 | and 64), or an inmate who has been sentenced as an habitual offender pursuant to the |
| 3 | provisions of R.S. 15:529.1 if the inmate was convicted of a sex offense or any of the |
| 4 | enumerated crimes in this Paragraph. |

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for parole consideration for those inmates who have served 15 years in prison and have reached the age of 55 years.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that any person sentenced to the custody of DPS&C who has served at least 15 years of a term of imprisonment shall be eligible for parole consideration upon reaching the age of 55.

<u>Proposed law</u> shall not apply to any inmate convicted of a sex offense, first degree murder, second degree murder, aggravated battery, forcible rape, aggravated arson, armed robbery, attempted murder, attempted armed robbery, or an inmate sentenced as an habitual offender if the inmate has been convicted of one of the prohibited offenses.

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