

HOUSE BILL NO. 2254

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE NEELY.

5081H.011

DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 558, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to terms of imprisonment, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 558, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 558.500, to read as follows:

558.500. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the sentencing court may, upon petition, reduce a sentence of life without eligibility for probation or parole to a sentence of life with eligibility for probation or parole if the court determines that:

(1) The convicted person has served at least twenty-five years in the department of corrections;

(2) The convicted person has accepted accountability for the offense, except in cases in which the convicted person has maintained his or her innocence;

(3) Since the commission of the offense, the convicted person has made reasonable efforts toward rehabilitation by successfully completing rehabilitation programs including, but not limited to, substance abuse treatment, effective communication classes, impact on victims classes, vocational training, correspondence courses to obtain a degree or diploma, and acquiring job skills; and

(4) The offense did not involve any of the aggravating circumstances under section 565.032.

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.