

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 1338

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to prisons and reformatories;
8 amending 57 O.S. 2011, Section 332.18, as last
9 amended by Section 1, Chapter 42, O.S.L. 2015 (57
10 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 332.18), which relates to
11 medical paroles; allowing certain inmates to request
12 medical parole review; and providing an effective
13 date.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2011, Section 332.18, as
16 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 42, O.S.L. 2015 (57 O.S. Supp.
17 2016, Section 332.18), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 332.18 A. The Director of the Department of
19 Corrections shall have the authority to request the Executive
20 Director of the Pardon and Parole Board to place an inmate on the
21 Pardon and Parole Board docket for a medical reason, out of the
22 normal processing procedures. Documentation of the medical
23 condition of such inmate shall be certified by the medical director
24 of the Department of Corrections. The Pardon and Parole Board shall

1 have the authority to bring any such inmate before the Board at any
2 time, except as otherwise provided in subsection B of this section.

3 B. When a request is made for a medical parole review of an
4 inmate ~~who~~:

5 1. Who is dying or is near death as certified by the medical
6 director of the Department of Corrections ~~or whose~~;

7 2. Whose medical condition has rendered the inmate no longer an
8 unreasonable threat to public safety; or

9 3. Who is fifty (50) years of age or older with a medical
10 disability and is serving time for a nonviolent offense,

11 the Executive Director shall place such inmate on the first
12 available parole review docket for a compassionate parole
13 consideration. Inmates who meet the criteria set out in this
14 section are not subject to the two-stage hearing process in
15 subsection C of Section 332.7 of this title.

16 C. No person shall be eligible for consideration for medical
17 parole without the concurrence of at least three members of the
18 Pardon and Parole Board. The vote on whether or not to consider
19 such person for parole and the names of the concurring Board members
20 shall be set forth in the written minutes of the meeting of the
21 Board at which the issue is considered.

22 D. In the event that due to changes in the medical condition of
23 the parolee granted medical parole or for other reasons, it is
24 determined that the continuation of the medical parole presents an

1 increased risk to the public, the parolee shall be subject to parole
2 revocation. In such case, the Department of Corrections shall
3 follow the revocation procedure for violators of parole set forth in
4 Section 516 of this title.

5 E. The provisions of this section shall not apply to inmates
6 serving a sentence of life without possibility of parole.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

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