

2020 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 385

BY SENATOR CARTER

PROBATION/PAROLE. Provides relative to medical parole eligibility for prisoners who are terminally ill or permanently disabled. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:574.20(B)(2), relative to medical parole; to provide relative  
3 to eligibility for medical parole; to provide that medical parole shall not be available  
4 to offenders serving sentences for crimes of violence or sex offenses; and to provide  
5 for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 15:574.20(B)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §574.20. Medical parole program; medical treatment furlough; eligibility;  
9 revocation

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11 B.(1) \* \* \*

12 (2) Medical parole shall not be available to any offender serving a sentence  
13 for a conviction of ~~first degree murder (R.S. 14:30) or second degree murder (R.S.~~  
14 ~~14:30.1)~~ **a crime of violence as defined in R.S. 14:2(B) or a sex offense as defined**  
15 **in R.S. 15:541, or any offense that would constitute a crime of violence as**  
16 **defined in R.S. 14:2(B) or a sex offense as defined in R.S. 15:541, regardless of**  
17 **the date of conviction** or an offender who is awaiting execution.



medical parole should be revoked. Present law further provides that an offender whose medical parole is revoked due to an improvement in his condition must resume serving the balance of his sentence with credit given for the duration of the medical parole. Present law further provides that if the offender's medical parole is revoked under these circumstances, and he would be otherwise eligible for parole, he may then be considered for parole under other present law provisions relative to parole eligibility.

Proposed law retains present law.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 15:574.20(B)(2))