



## SENATE BILL 675: Limit Parole Review Frequency

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**Committee:**

**Introduced by:**

**Analysis of:** S.L. 2015-228

**Date:**

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**SUMMARY:** *S.L. 2015-228 limits the frequency of parole review for inmates convicted of sexually violent offenses.*

*This act became effective October 1, 2015, and applies to parole reviews conducted on or after that date.*

**CURRENT LAW:** Inmates sentenced under criminal penalty laws prior to the Structured Sentencing Act are eligible for parole. Once an inmate becomes eligible for parole, if parole is denied, the Post-Release Supervision and Parole Commission (Commission) must reconsider its decision at least once a year except for first and second degree murder convictions, which must only be reconsidered every three years.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** This act amends the requirement to reconsider parole once a year to provide that inmates convicted of sexually violent offenses which will require them to register as sex offenders upon release shall only be reconsidered for parole every two years. The Commission may give more frequent parole consideration if it finds that exigent circumstances or the interests of justice demand it.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act became effective October 1, 2015, and applies to parole reviews conducted on and after that date.

