

HB 270 -- Incapacitated Inmates

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This bill authorizes the Board of Probation and Parole within the Department of Corrections to release on parole any offender sentenced to or incarcerated in a correctional institution for five or more years who is or becomes physically or mentally disabled, infirm, incompetent, or incapacitated to the degree that he or she needs to be permanently placed in an infirmary, health facility, or mental care facility if he or she is eligible to be placed in and receive federal medical, psychological, or financial benefits and the board makes a determination that the offender is incapable of inflicting violence on others and does not pose a danger to the health, welfare, or safety of others. The bill specifies the criteria that the board must consider when making its decision.