

HB 1560 -- DEATH PENALTY FOR MINORS

SPONSOR: Cox

This bill specifies that if a person has not reached his or her 18th birthday at the time of the commission of an offense punishable by the death penalty, he or she must be sentenced to either life imprisonment without the eligibility for probation or parole or life imprisonment with eligibility for parole after he or she has served fifty years in prison.

A person sentenced to imprisonment for life without the eligibility for parole before the effective date of the bill and was under 18 years of age at the time the offense was committed may file a motion in the sentencing court within six months from the effective date of this bill to determine if the original sentence that was imposed shall remain or be amended to imprisonment for life with eligibility for parole after he or she has served 50 years.

This bill has an emergency clause.