

HB 672 -- MINIMUM PRISON TERMS

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Currently, offenders serving prison terms are required to serve a minimum percentage of their prison terms, depending on whether they have previous commitments to the Department of Corrections, or until they reach the age of 70 and have served a specified percentage of their term. This bill decreases the attained age to 65.

In addition, currently, offenders serving prison terms for dangerous felony convictions are required to serve at least 85% of their prison term or to serve until they reach the age of 70 and have served at least 40% of their imposed term, whichever occurs first. This bill establishes a tier for prison terms for dangerous felony convictions, depending on whether the offender has a previous felony conviction. For no previous felony convictions, the minimum prison term will be 50% of the sentence or until the offender reaches the age of 65 and has served 40%, whichever occurs first. If one previous, unrelated felony conviction, the minimum term will be 66% or until the offender reaches the age of 65 and has served 50%, whichever occurs first. For two or more previous, unrelated felony convictions, the minimum prison term will be 85% of the sentence imposed or until the offender reaches the age of 65 and has served 60%, whichever occurs first.