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HOUSE BILL NO. 907

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MACKEY.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapters 217 and 558, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to terms of imprisonment, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapters 217 and 558, RSMo, are amended by adding thereto two new sections, to be known as sections 217.738 and 558.500, to read as follows:

217.738. 1. Any offender receiving a reduction of sentence under section 558.500 shall be granted a hearing before the parole board.

2. In addition to meeting all other requirements of this chapter, in order for an offender receiving a reduction of sentence under section 558.500 to be eligible for supervised release as a condition of parole, the offender shall provide to the board the following:

(1) At least five character recommendations from current or former department of corrections employees attesting that further imprisonment of the offender would not serve the public good;

(2) Signed statements of at least twenty residents of the community where the offender will reside upon release supporting the offender's release and who commit to providing assistance with the offender's reentry into the community; and

(3) A safe and secure home plan for implementation upon the offender's release.

558.500. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the sentencing court may, upon petition, reduce a sentence of life without eligibility for probation or parole, or reduce a sentence of thirty years or greater, to a sentence of life with eligibility for probation or parole if the court determines that:

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets ~~thus~~ in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

5 **(1) The convicted person has served at least thirty years in the department of**
6 **corrections;**

7 **(2) The convicted person was under twenty years of age at the time the offense**
8 **was committed;**

9 **(3) The convicted person has not been previously convicted of a dangerous**
10 **felony as defined under section 556.061; and**

11 **(4) Since the commission of the offense the convicted person has:**

12 **(a) Made reasonable efforts toward rehabilitation by successfully completing**
13 **rehabilitation programs, which may include, but shall not be limited to, substance abuse**
14 **treatment, effective communication classes, victim impact classes, vocational training,**
15 **correspondence courses to obtain a degree or diploma, or acquiring job skills; and**

16 **(b) Exhibited model citizen behavior within his or her correctional facility,**
17 **which may include, but shall not be limited to, maintaining sobriety or demonstrating**
18 **sober living; demonstrating traits of leadership; and attending education-based**
19 **activities which may include, but shall not be limited to, coursework relating to**
20 **victim impact, restorative justice, substance abuse treatment, or effective**
21 **communication.**

22 **2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the division of probation and**
23 **parole shall supervise any convicted person receiving a reduction of sentence under**
24 **subsection 1 of this section for the duration of the convicted person's natural life.**

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