

HB 357 -- GERIATRIC INMATE RELEASE

SPONSOR: Collins

This bill requires that certain offenders serving a life sentence without parole receive a parole hearing after serving 30 years of their sentence if they meet the following requirements:

- (1) Is incarcerated in a correctional facility after being sentenced by a court of the state;
- (2) Is serving a life sentence without parole for a minimum of 50 years and has not been sentenced to imprisonment for the duration of their natural life;
- (3) Is at least 65 years old;
- (4) Has been diagnosed with a terminal illness or otherwise meets the criteria for medical parole;
- (5) Has no prior dangerous felony conviction; and
- (6) Is not a convicted sex offender.

During the parole hearing, the board must determine whether there is a reasonable probability that the offender will not violate the law if released and if the offender meets the additional criteria listed in the bill. If the offender is released on parole, they are subject to a minimum five years of supervision.