

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 53.1-136 of the Code of Virginia, relating to notice of release on*
3 *parole.*

4 [H 1924]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 53.1-136 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 53.1-136. Powers and duties of Board; notice of release of certain inmates.

9 In addition to the other powers and duties imposed upon the Board by this article, the Board shall:

10 1. Adopt, subject to approval by the Governor, general rules governing the granting of parole;

11 2. (a) Release on parole, in accordance with its rules, for such time and upon such terms and
12 conditions as the Board shall prescribe, persons convicted of felonies and confined under the laws of the
13 Commonwealth in any correctional facility in Virginia when those persons become eligible and are
14 found suitable for parole;15 (b) Establish the conditions of postrelease supervision authorized pursuant to §§ 18.2-10 and
16 19.2-295.2 A;17 (c) Notify by certified mail at least ~~twenty-one~~ 21 business days prior to release on *discretionary*
18 parole of any inmate convicted of a felony and sentenced to a term of ~~ten~~ 10 or more years, the attorney
19 for the Commonwealth in the jurisdiction where the inmate was sentenced. In the case of parole granted
20 for medical reasons, where death is imminent, the Commonwealth's Attorney may be notified by
21 telephone or other electronic means prior to release. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to
22 alter the obligations of the Board under § 53.1-155 for investigation prior to release;23 3. Revoke parole and any period of postrelease and order the reincarceration of any parolee or felon
24 serving a period of postrelease supervision or impose a condition of participation in any component of
25 the Statewide Community-Based Corrections System for State-Responsible Offenders (§ 53.1-67.2 et
26 seq.) on any eligible parolee, when, in the judgment of the Board, he has violated the conditions of his
27 parole, postrelease supervision or is otherwise unfit to be on parole or on postrelease supervision;28 4. Issue final discharges to persons released by the Board on parole when the Board is of the opinion
29 that the discharge of the parolee will not be incompatible with the welfare of such person or of society;30 5. Make investigations and reports with respect to any commutation of sentence, pardon, reprieve or
31 remission of fine or penalty when requested by the Governor; and32 6. Publish monthly a statement regarding the action taken by the Board on the parole of prisoners.
33 The statement shall list the name of each prisoner considered for parole and indicate whether parole was
34 granted or denied.

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