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HOUSE BILL NO. 934

House Amendments in [] - February 11, 2008

A BILL to amend and reenact § 53.1-153 of the Code of Virginia, relating to unavailability of parole for jail inmates for offenses committed on or after July 1, 2008.

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Delegate Gilbert

Referred to Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 53.1-153 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 53.1-153. Eligibility of persons sentenced to jails for more than twelve months.

Persons convicted of felonies or misdemeanors who are sentenced to jails and not eligible for parole under § 53.1-152, shall be eligible for parole in the same manner as provided in § 53.1-151 when the total sentences to be served, exclusive of fines, are more than twelve months. However, a person convicted of misdemeanors and sentenced to serve a total [ active ] sentence of more than 12 months in jail shall not be eligible for parole upon conviction of any offenses committed on or after July 1, 2008.

The Virginia Parole Board shall have the same powers and duties to carry out the provisions of this section as are set forth in § 53.1-136.