

MDOC FY 2000 Legislation

House Bill #836

- ▶ HB #836 amends Sections 47-5-1003m 47-7-33 and 47-7-47 to require circuit and county courts placing an offender in a house arrest program, on probation or earned probation to notify the central office of the Mississippi Department of Corrections and the regional office of the department that will be supervising the offender.
- ▶ Section 47-7-1003 is also amended to provide that courts may not require an offender to complete house arrest as a condition of probation or post-release supervision.
- ▶ Section 47-7-34 is amended to provide that the maximum amount of time that the Department of Corrections may supervise an offender under post-release supervision is 5 years.
- ▶ Effective 7/0/1/2000.

House Bill #1383

- ▶ HB #1383 revises Section 47-7-5, which creates the State Parole Board. It provides that members serve at the will and pleasure of the Governor. The bill releases the State Parole Board from having any authority or responsibility for supervision of offenders who are granted a release for any reason.
- ▶ The bill provides that the State Parole Board immediately shall review all cases where an offender was denied parole and eligibility for reconsideration for parole for at least one year after denial.
- ▶ The bill provides that the State Parole Board shall review and investigate all cases where an offender has been diagnosed with a serious illness. It further provides that the State Parole Board is to parole an offender who is certified by the medical director as being terminally ill subject to the approval and consent of the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections and the Medical Director of the Department of Corrections.
- ▶ The sunset provision for the Parole Board is extended from July 1, 2000, until July 1, 2002.
- ▶ Effective upon passage.

House Bill # 570

- ▶ HB # 570 amends Sections 99-3-1 and 99-3-7 to permit the arrest of offenders who are in violation of the terms of their house arrest program by persons authorized by a court to supervise or monitor offenders under a house arrest program.
- ▶ Effective 7/02/00

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House Bill # 1508

- ▶ HB # 1508 authorizes correctional facilities to contract with governmental entities to monitor communicable diseases in those facilities.
- ▶ Correctional facilities are required to grant access to all areas of the facility to the State Department of Health to allow it to carry out its responsibilities relating to the control of communicable diseases.
- ▶ In addition, correctional facilities are required to reimburse the State Department of Health for all costs incurred in controlling communicable diseases in the facility.
Effective 7/01/2000

Senate Bill #2240

- SB #2240 amends Sections 47-5-56, 47-5-66 and 47-5-78 to remove mandates imposed on the Forestry Commission which required the commission to manage the Lambert State Forest for the Department of Corrections.
- ▶ Effective upon passage.

NOTE: See actual bills for complete description