



**House
Legislative
Analysis
Section**

1ST DEGREE FELONY MURDER: PAROLE

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House Bills 6181 and 6182
Sponsor: Rep. Nelson Saunders
Committee: Judiciary

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILLS 6181 AND 6182 AS INTRODUCED 11-8-90

House Bill 6181 would amend the corrections code to place under parole board jurisdiction certain prisoners sentenced to life for first degree murder. The prisoner would be under parole board jurisdiction only if he or she was convicted of felony murder (that is, murder occurring in the course of a felony) before November 25, 1980, and neither the prisoner's intention to kill or do great bodily harm, nor a disregard of the likelihood that someone would be harmed, had been proved in the trial for felony murder. Prisoners affected by the bill would be subject to "lifer law" provisions that, among other things, require at least ten years of a sentence to be served and bar parole when the sentencing judge or his or her successor objects to the proposed parole.

MCL 791.234 and 791.244

House Bill 6182 would amend the section of the Michigan Penal Code that makes a murder committed in conjunction with any of several specified crimes a first degree murder. The bill would specify that someone convicted of felony murder under this section before November 25, 1980 would be subject to the jurisdiction of the parole board as provided by Section 234 of the corrections code (MCL 791.234), which would be amended by House Bill 6181.

MCL 750.316

The bills are not tie-barred; either could take effect by itself.

House Bills 6181 and 6182 (11-26-90)