

**ALLOW PAROLE OF DRUG
CONVICTION LIFERS**

House Bill 4539
Sponsor: Rep. Kirk Profit
Committee: Judiciary

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4539 AS INTRODUCED 3-20-97

A prisoner who has been sentenced to imprisonment for life or a term of years and who has served 10 calendar years of the sentence (if the crime were committed before October 1, 1992) or 15 years (if the crime were committed after October 1, 1992) is subject to the parole board's jurisdiction and may be released on parole by the parole board subject to certain conditions. Currently, those prisoners who have been sentenced to life in prison for murder in the first degree or to life or a minimum term of imprisonment for a major controlled substance offense are barred from being considered for parole. House Bill 4539 would amend the Department of Corrections act so that a prisoner who had been sentenced to life in prison for a major controlled substance offense would be eligible for consideration for parole.

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