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SENATE FILE **2374**
BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 240)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the timing of parole reviews for class "A"
2 felons.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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S.F. 2374

1 Section 1. Section 902.2, Code Supplement 1995, is amended
2 by striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the
3 following:

4 902.2 RECORD OF CLASS "A" FELON REVIEWED.

5 1. The board shall interview a class "A" felon as follows:

- 6 a. An initial interview after confinement for ten years.
- 7 b. A second interview after confinement for fifteen years.
- 8 c. A third interview after confinement for eighteen years.
- 9 d. A fourth interview after confinement for twenty years.
- 10 e. Annually, after the fourth interview.

11 2. If, in the opinion of the board, the person should be
12 considered for release on parole, the board shall recommend to
13 the governor that the person's sentence be commuted to a term
14 of years. If the person's sentence is so commuted, the person
15 shall be eligible for parole as provided in chapter 906.

16 EXPLANATION

17 This bill changes the time frame within which a person who
18 has been sentenced to life imprisonment is to be initially
19 interviewed by the parole board and establishes a schedule for
20 subsequent interviews of the inmate by the board. The bill
21 would require the initial interview to take place after 10
22 years, a second interview after 15 years, a third interview
23 after 18 years, and a fourth interview after 20 years. After
24 the fourth interview, inmates serving life terms would be
25 interviewed annually.

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