

House File 637 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 483)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to an application for a reprieve, pardon,
2 commutation of sentence, remission of fines or forfeitures,
3 or restoration of the rights of citizenship made to the
4 board of parole.

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

1 Section 1. Section 914.3, subsection 1, Code 2023, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. a. Except as otherwise provided in [section 902.2](#), the
4 board of parole shall periodically review all applications by
5 persons convicted of criminal offenses and shall recommend to
6 the governor the reprieve, pardon, commutation of sentence,
7 remission of fines or forfeitures, or restoration of the rights
8 of citizenship for persons who have by their conduct given
9 satisfactory evidence that they will become or continue to be
10 law-abiding citizens.

11 b. The board of parole shall acknowledge an application for
12 a reprieve, pardon, commutation of sentence, remission of fines
13 or forfeitures, or restoration of the rights of citizenship
14 received from a person convicted of a criminal offense within
15 thirty days of receipt of the application.

16 c. The board of parole shall make a recommendation to the
17 governor concerning whether an application for a reprieve,
18 pardon, commutation of sentence, remission of fines or
19 forfeitures, or restoration of the rights of citizenship should
20 be granted within three hundred sixty-five days of receipt of
21 the application.

22 EXPLANATION

23 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
24 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

25 This bill relates to an application for a reprieve, pardon,
26 commutation of sentence, remission of fines or forfeitures, or
27 restoration of the rights of citizenship made to the board of
28 parole.

29 The bill provides that the board of parole shall acknowledge
30 an application for a reprieve, pardon, commutation of sentence,
31 remission of fines or forfeitures, or restoration of the rights
32 of citizenship received from a person convicted of a criminal
33 offense within 30 days of receipt of the application, and shall
34 make a recommendation to the governor concerning whether an
35 application should be granted within 365 days of receipt of the

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1 application.