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LEGISLATIVE BILL REVIEW FORM: 2014

Bill Number: H.658 Name of Bill: Eligibility for parole considerations

Agency/Dept: VSP Author of Bill Review: Lt. Tim Oliver

Date of Bill Review: 03.27.14 Status of Bill: (check one):

XXX Upon Introduction As passed by 1st body As passed by both bodies

Recommended Position:

 Support Oppose XXX Remain Neutral Support with modifications identified in # 8 below

Analysis of Bill

1. Summary of bill and issue it addresses. *An inmate who is serving a sentence of imprisonment shall be eligible for parole consideration if the inmate's sentence has no minimum term or a zero minimum term, the inmate shall be eligible for parole consideration within 12 months after commitment to a correctional facility. If the inmate's sentence has a minimum term, the inmate shall be eligible for parole consideration paroled after the inmate has served the minimum term of the sentence unless there is a compelling reason related to the public safety not to permit parole. Any such reason shall be identified in written findings in connection with the parole determination.*
2. Is there a need for this bill? *The professed need for this bill is that it releases offenders who have no compelling reasons not to release, from corrections and Probation and Parole custody.*
3. What are likely to be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for this Department? *This bill will cut costs for corrections and P & P as it releases offenders who otherwise may not have been released.*
4. What might be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for other departments in state government, and what is likely to be their perspective on it? *I am unaware of any implications to other departments at all at this time.*
5. What might be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for others, and what is likely to be their perspective on it? *Same answer as 4.*
6. Other Stakeholders:
 - 6.1 Who else is likely to support the proposal and why? *I am unsure if anyone other than corrections and P & P.*
 - 6.2 Who else is likely to oppose the proposal and why? *There would be many parties opposed to releasing inmates "earlier" than they would be released prior to this bill .*

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7. Rationale for recommendation: *The passing or not passing of this bill will have very little ramifications for the State Police.*
8. Specific modifications that would be needed to recommend support of this bill: *None at my level.*

Secretary/Commissioner has reviewed this document

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