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H.B. No. 1337

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the frequency with which the Board of Pardons and  
3 Pardons considers the eligibility of certain inmates for release on  
4 parole.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 508.141(g), Government Code, is amended  
7 to read as follows:

8 (g) The board shall adopt a policy establishing the date on  
9 which the board may reconsider for release an inmate who has  
10 previously been denied release. The policy must require the board  
11 to reconsider for release an inmate serving a sentence for an  
12 offense listed in Section 508.149(a) during a month designated by  
13 the parole panel that denied release. The designated month must  
14 begin after the first anniversary of the date of the denial and end  
15 before the fifth anniversary of the date of the denial, unless the  
16 inmate is serving a sentence for an offense under Section 22.021,  
17 Penal Code, or was sentenced to serve a term of imprisonment for  
18 life on conviction of a capital felony, in which event the  
19 designated month must begin after the first anniversary of the date  
20 of the denial and end before the 10th anniversary of the date of the  
21 denial. The policy must require the board to reconsider for release  
22 an inmate other than an inmate serving a sentence for an offense  
23 listed in Section 508.149(a) as soon as practicable after the first  
24 anniversary of the date of the denial.

1           SECTION 2. The Board of Pardons and Paroles shall adopt a  
2 policy consistent with Section 508.141(g), Government Code, as  
3 amended by this Act, as soon as practicable after the effective date  
4 of this Act.

5           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.