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S.B. No. 771

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the frequency with which the Board of Pardons and
3 Paroles 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-1), Government Code, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (g-1) The month designated under Subsection (g)(1) by the
9 parole panel that denied release must begin after the first
10 anniversary of the date of the denial and end before the fifth
11 anniversary of the date of the denial, unless the inmate is serving
12 a sentence for an offense under Section 22.021, Penal Code, or a
13 life sentence for a capital felony, in which event the designated
14 month must begin after the first anniversary of the date of the
15 denial and end before the 10th anniversary of the date of the
16 denial.

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

21 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.