

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 5273**

A bill to amend 1953 PA 232, entitled  
"Corrections code of 1953,"  
by amending section 34 (MCL 791.234), as amended by 2010 PA 353.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 34. (1) Except as provided in section 34a, a prisoner  
2 sentenced to an indeterminate sentence and confined in a state  
3 correctional facility with a minimum in terms of years other than a  
4 prisoner subject to disciplinary time is subject to the  
5 jurisdiction of the parole board when the prisoner has served a  
6 period of time equal to the minimum sentence imposed by the court  
7 for the crime of which he or she was convicted, less good time and  
8 disciplinary credits, if applicable.

9           (2) Except as provided in section 34a, a prisoner subject to  
10 disciplinary time sentenced to an indeterminate sentence and

1 confined in a state correctional facility with a minimum in terms  
2 of years is subject to the jurisdiction of the parole board when  
3 the prisoner has served a period of time equal to the minimum  
4 sentence imposed by the court for the crime of which he or she was  
5 convicted.

6 (3) If a prisoner other than a prisoner subject to  
7 disciplinary time is sentenced for consecutive terms, whether  
8 received at the same time or at any time during the life of the  
9 original sentence, the parole board has jurisdiction over the  
10 prisoner for purposes of parole when the prisoner has served the  
11 total time of the added minimum terms, less the good time and  
12 disciplinary credits allowed by statute. The maximum terms of the  
13 sentences shall be added to compute the new maximum term under this  
14 subsection, and discharge shall be issued only after the total of  
15 the maximum sentences has been served less good time and  
16 disciplinary credits, unless the prisoner is paroled and discharged  
17 upon satisfactory completion of the parole.

18 (4) If a prisoner subject to disciplinary time is sentenced  
19 for consecutive terms, whether received at the same time or at any  
20 time during the life of the original sentence, the parole board has  
21 jurisdiction over the prisoner for purposes of parole when the  
22 prisoner has served the total time of the added minimum terms. The  
23 maximum terms of the sentences shall be added to compute the new  
24 maximum term under this subsection, and discharge shall be issued  
25 only after the total of the maximum sentences has been served,  
26 unless the prisoner is paroled and discharged upon satisfactory  
27 completion of the parole.

1           (5) If a prisoner other than a prisoner subject to  
2 disciplinary time has 1 or more consecutive terms remaining to  
3 serve in addition to the term he or she is serving, the parole  
4 board may terminate the sentence the prisoner is presently serving  
5 at any time after the minimum term of the sentence has been served.

6           (6) A prisoner sentenced to imprisonment for life for any of  
7 the following is not eligible for parole and is instead subject to  
8 the provisions of section 44:

9           (a) First degree murder in violation of section 316 of the  
10 Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.316.

11           (b) A violation of section 16(5) or 18(7) of the Michigan  
12 penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.16 and 750.18.

13           (c) A violation of chapter XXXVIII of the Michigan penal code,  
14 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.200 to 750.212a.

15           (d) A violation of section 17764(7) of the public health code,  
16 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.17764.

17           (e) First degree criminal sexual conduct in violation of  
18 section 520b(2)(c) of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL  
19 750.520b.

20           (f) Any other violation for which parole eligibility is  
21 expressly denied under state law.

22           (7) A prisoner sentenced to imprisonment for life, other than  
23 a prisoner described in subsection (6), is subject to the  
24 jurisdiction of the parole board and may be placed on parole  
25 according to the conditions prescribed in subsection (8) if he or  
26 she meets any of the following criteria:

27           (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b) or (c), the prisoner

1 has served 10 calendar years of the sentence for a crime committed  
2 before October 1, 1992 or 15 calendar years of the sentence for a  
3 crime committed on or after October 1, 1992.

4 (b) Except as provided in subsection (12), the prisoner has  
5 served 20 calendar years of a sentence for violating, or attempting  
6 or conspiring to violate, section 7401(2)(a)(i) of the public  
7 health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7401, and has another conviction  
8 for a serious crime.

9 (c) Except as provided in subsection (12), the prisoner has  
10 served 17-1/2 calendar years of the sentence for violating, or  
11 attempting or conspiring to violate, section 7401(2)(a)(i) of the  
12 public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7401, and does not have  
13 another conviction for a serious crime.

14 (8) A parole granted to a prisoner under subsection (7) is  
15 subject to the following conditions:

16 (a) At the conclusion of 10 calendar years of the prisoner's  
17 sentence and thereafter as determined by the parole board until the  
18 prisoner is paroled, discharged, or deceased, and in accordance  
19 with the procedures described in subsection (9), 1 member of the  
20 parole board shall interview the prisoner. The interview schedule  
21 prescribed in this subdivision applies to all prisoners to whom  
22 subsection (7) applies, regardless of the date on which they were  
23 sentenced.

24 (b) In addition to the interview schedule prescribed in  
25 subdivision (a), the parole board shall review the prisoner's file  
26 at the conclusion of 15 calendar years of the prisoner's sentence  
27 and every 5 years thereafter until the prisoner is paroled,

1 discharged, or deceased. A prisoner whose file is to be reviewed  
2 under this subdivision shall be notified of the upcoming file  
3 review at least 30 days before the file review takes place and  
4 shall be allowed to submit written statements or documentary  
5 evidence for the parole board's consideration in conducting the  
6 file review.

7 (c) A decision to grant or deny parole to the prisoner shall  
8 not be made until after a public hearing held in the manner  
9 prescribed for pardons and commutations in sections 44 and 45.  
10 Notice of the public hearing shall be given to the sentencing  
11 judge, or the judge's successor in office. ~~, and parole~~ **PAROLE**  
12 shall not be granted if the sentencing judge ~~, or the judge's~~  
13 ~~successor in office,~~ files written objections to the granting of  
14 the parole within 30 days of receipt of the notice of hearing, -  
15 ~~The~~ **BUT THE SENTENCING JUDGE'S WRITTEN OBJECTIONS SHALL BAR PAROLE**  
16 **ONLY IF THE SENTENCING JUDGE IS STILL IN OFFICE IN THE COURT BEFORE**  
17 **WHICH THE PRISONER WAS CONVICTED AND SENTENCED. A SENTENCING**  
18 **JUDGE'S SUCCESSOR IN OFFICE MAY FILE WRITTEN OBJECTIONS TO THE**  
19 **GRANTING OF PAROLE, BUT A SUCCESSOR JUDGE'S OBJECTIONS SHALL NOT**  
20 **BAR THE GRANTING OF PAROLE UNDER SUBSECTION (7). IF** written  
21 objections **ARE FILED BY EITHER THE SENTENCING JUDGE OR THE JUDGE'S**  
22 **SUCCESSOR IN OFFICE, THEY** shall be made part of the prisoner's  
23 file.

24 (d) A parole granted under subsection (7) shall be for a  
25 period of not less than 4 years and subject to the usual rules  
26 pertaining to paroles granted by the parole board. A parole granted  
27 under subsection (7) is not valid until the transcript of the

1 record is filed with the attorney general whose certification of  
2 receipt of the transcript shall be ~~returnable~~**RETURNED** to the  
3 office of the parole board within 5 days. Except for medical  
4 records protected under section 2157 of the revised judicature act  
5 of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.2157, the file of a prisoner granted  
6 a parole under subsection (7) is a public record.

7 (9) An interview conducted under subsection (8)(a) is subject  
8 to both of the following requirements:

9 (a) The prisoner shall be given written notice, not less than  
10 30 days before the interview date, stating that the interview will  
11 be conducted.

12 (b) The prisoner may be represented at the interview by an  
13 individual of his or her choice. The representative shall not be  
14 another prisoner. A prisoner is not entitled to appointed counsel  
15 at public expense. The prisoner or representative may present  
16 relevant evidence in favor of holding a public hearing as allowed  
17 in subsection ~~(8)(b)~~**(8)(C)**.

18 (10) In determining whether a prisoner convicted of violating,  
19 or attempting or conspiring to violate, section 7401(2)(a)(i) of  
20 the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7401, and sentenced to  
21 imprisonment for life before October 1, 1998 is to be released on  
22 parole, the parole board shall consider all of the following:

23 (a) Whether the violation was part of a continuing series of  
24 violations of section 7401 or 7403 of the public health code, 1978  
25 PA 368, MCL 333.7401 and 333.7403, by that individual.

26 (b) Whether the violation was committed by the individual in  
27 concert with 5 or more other individuals.

1 (c) Any of the following:

2 (i) Whether the individual was a principal administrator,  
3 organizer, or leader of an entity that the individual knew or had  
4 reason to know was organized, in whole or in part, to commit  
5 violations of section 7401 or 7403 of the public health code, 1978  
6 PA 368, MCL 333.7401 and 333.7403, and whether the violation for  
7 which the individual was convicted was committed to further the  
8 interests of that entity.

9 (ii) Whether the individual was a principal administrator,  
10 organizer, or leader of an entity that the individual knew or had  
11 reason to know committed violations of section 7401 or 7403 of the  
12 public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7401 and 333.7403, and  
13 whether the violation for which the individual was convicted was  
14 committed to further the interests of that entity.

15 (iii) Whether the violation was committed in a drug-free  
16 school zone.

17 (iv) Whether the violation involved the delivery of a  
18 controlled substance to an individual less than 17 years of age or  
19 possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance to an  
20 individual less than 17 years of age.

21 (11) Except as provided in section 34a, a prisoner's release  
22 on parole is discretionary with the parole board. The action of the  
23 parole board in granting a parole is appealable by the prosecutor  
24 of the county from which the prisoner was committed or the victim  
25 of the crime for which the prisoner was convicted. The appeal shall  
26 be to the circuit court in the county from which the prisoner was  
27 committed, by leave of the court.

1           (12) If the sentencing judge, or his or her successor in  
2 office, determines on the record that a prisoner described in  
3 subsection (7)(b) or (c) sentenced to imprisonment for life for  
4 violating, or attempting or conspiring to violate, section  
5 7401(2)(a)(i) of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7401,  
6 has cooperated with law enforcement, the prisoner is subject to the  
7 jurisdiction of the parole board and may be released on parole as  
8 provided in subsection (7)(b) or (c) 2-1/2 years earlier than the  
9 time otherwise indicated in subsection (7)(b) or (c). The prisoner  
10 is considered to have cooperated with law enforcement if the court  
11 determines on the record that the prisoner had no relevant or  
12 useful information to provide. The court shall not make a  
13 determination that the prisoner failed or refused to cooperate with  
14 law enforcement on grounds that the defendant exercised his or her  
15 constitutional right to trial by jury. If the court determines at  
16 sentencing that the defendant cooperated with law enforcement, the  
17 court shall include its determination in the judgment of sentence.

18           (13) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (2), an individual  
19 convicted of violating, or attempting or conspiring to violate,  
20 section 7401(2)(a)(i) or 7403(2)(a)(i) of the public health code,  
21 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7401 and 333.7403, whose offense occurred  
22 before March 1, 2003, and who was sentenced to a term of years, is  
23 eligible for parole after serving 20 years of the sentence imposed  
24 for the violation if the individual has another serious crime or  
25 17-1/2 years of the sentence if the individual does not have  
26 another conviction for a serious crime, or after serving the  
27 minimum sentence imposed for that violation, whichever is less.



1           (14) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (2), an individual  
2 who was convicted of violating, or attempting or conspiring to  
3 violate, section 7401(2)(a)(ii) or 7403(2)(a)(ii) of the public  
4 health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7401 and 333.7403, whose offense  
5 occurred before March 1, 2003, and who was sentenced according to  
6 those sections as they existed before March 1, 2003, is eligible  
7 for parole after serving the minimum of each sentence imposed for  
8 that violation or 10 years of each sentence imposed for that  
9 violation, whichever is less.

10           (15) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (2), an individual  
11 who was convicted of violating, or attempting or conspiring to  
12 violate, section 7401(2)(a)(iii) or 7403(2)(a)(iii) of the public  
13 health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7401 and 333.7403, whose offense  
14 occurred before March 1, 2003, and who was sentenced according to  
15 those sections as they existed before March 1, 2003, is eligible  
16 for parole after serving the minimum of each sentence imposed for  
17 that violation or 5 years of each sentence imposed for that  
18 violation, whichever is less.

19           (16) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (2), an individual  
20 who was convicted of violating, or attempting or conspiring to  
21 violate, section 7401(2)(a)(iv) or 7403(2)(a)(iv) of the public  
22 health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7401 and 333.7403, whose offense  
23 occurred before March 1, 2003, who was sentenced according to those  
24 sections of law as they existed before March 1, 2003 to consecutive  
25 terms of imprisonment for 2 or more violations of section  
26 7401(2)(a) or 7403(2)(a), is eligible for parole after serving 1/2  
27 of the minimum sentence imposed for each violation of section

1 7401(2) (a) (iv) or 7403(2) (a) (iv). This subsection applies only to  
2 sentences imposed for violations of section 7401(2) (a) (iv) or  
3 7403(2) (a) (iv) and does not apply if the sentence was imposed for a  
4 conviction for a new offense committed while the individual was on  
5 probation or parole.

6 (17) The parole board shall provide notice to the prosecuting  
7 attorney of the county in which the individual was convicted before  
8 granting parole to the individual under subsection (13), (14),  
9 (15), or (16).

10 (18) As used in this section:

11 (a) "Serious crime" means violating or conspiring to violate  
12 article 7 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7101 to  
13 333.7545, that is punishable by imprisonment for more than 4 years,  
14 or an offense against a person in violation of section 83, 84, 86,  
15 87, 88, 89, 316, 317, 321, 349, 349a, 350, 397, 520b, 520c, 520d,  
16 520g, 529, 529a, or 530 of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328,  
17 MCL 750.83, 750.84, 750.86, 750.87, 750.88, 750.89, 750.316,  
18 750.317, 750.321, 750.349, 750.349a, 750.350, 750.397, 750.520b,  
19 750.520c, 750.520d, 750.520g, 750.529, 750.529a, and 750.530.

20 (b) "State correctional facility" means a facility that houses  
21 prisoners committed to the jurisdiction of the department.

22 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days  
23 after the date it is enacted into law.