

# SENATE BILL NO. 1215

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

## AN ACT

To amend chapters 217 and 558, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to terms of imprisonment.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapters 217 and 558, RSMo, are amended by  
2 adding thereto two new sections, to be known as sections 217.738  
3 and 558.500, to read as follows:

217.738. 1. Any offender receiving a reduction of  
2 sentence under section 558.500 shall be granted a hearing  
3 before the parole board.

4 2. In addition to meeting all other requirements of  
5 this chapter, for an offender receiving a reduction of  
6 sentence under section 558.500 to be eligible for supervised  
7 release as a condition of parole, the offender shall provide  
8 to the board the following:

9 (1) At least five statements from current or former  
10 department of corrections employees attesting to the  
11 offender's demonstration of institutional adaptability and  
12 the offender's conduct in the correctional center;

13 (2) Signed statements of at least twenty residents of  
14 the community where the offender will reside upon release  
15 supporting the offender's release and who commit to  
16 providing assistance with the offender's reentry into the  
17 community; and

18           (3) A safe and secure home plan for implementation  
19 upon the offender's release.

          558.500. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of  
2 law to the contrary, the sentencing court may, upon  
3 petition, reduce a sentence of life without eligibility for  
4 probation or parole, or reduce a sentence of thirty years or  
5 greater, to a sentence of life with eligibility for  
6 probation or parole if the court determines that:

7           (1) The convicted person has served at least thirty  
8 years in the department of corrections;

9           (2) The convicted person was under twenty years of age  
10 at the time the offense was committed; and

11           (3) Since the commission of the offense the convicted  
12 person has:

13           (a) Made reasonable efforts toward rehabilitation by  
14 successfully completing rehabilitation programs, which may  
15 include, but shall not be limited to, substance abuse  
16 treatment, effective communication classes, victim impact  
17 classes, vocational training, correspondence courses to  
18 obtain a degree or diploma, or acquiring job skills; and

19           (b) Exhibited model citizen behavior within his or her  
20 correctional facility, which may include, but shall not be  
21 limited to, maintaining sobriety or demonstrating sober  
22 living; demonstrating traits of leadership; and attending  
23 education-based activities, which may include, but shall not  
24 be limited to, coursework relating to victim impact,  
25 restorative justice, substance abuse treatment, or effective  
26 communication.

27           2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
28 contrary, the division of probation and parole shall  
29 supervise any convicted person receiving a reduction of

30 sentence under subsection 1 of this section for the duration  
31 of the convicted person's natural life.

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