

Introduced by

Judiciary Committee

(At the request of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 12-59 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to establishment and modification of parole expiration dates.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 12-59 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 created and enacted as follows:

6 **Establishment and modification of parole expiration dates.** The parole board shall  
7 establish parole expiration dates in all parole cases. The parole board may not establish an  
8 initial parole expiration date that is earlier than the expiration date of the parolee's  
9 court-imposed sentence. The length of the period of parole may not be extended more than  
10 five years for a felony and two years for a misdemeanor beyond the date that the  
11 court-imposed sentence would have otherwise expired had parole not been granted. The  
12 parole board may allow a parolee to earn performance-based parole reduction at the rate of up  
13 to five days per month in accordance with performance criteria established by the parole board.  
14 The board may terminate a parolee's supervision at any time earlier than the established date  
15 of release from parole if the parole board determines that early termination of supervision is  
16 warranted and termination of supervision is in the interest of justice. The parole board may not  
17 terminate supervision for a parolee who has a life sentence with opportunity for parole earlier  
18 than five years from the established date of release on parole.