

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, less sentence reduction received under chapter 12-54.1. The length
10 of the period of parole may not be extended more than five years for a felony and two years for
11 a misdemeanor beyond the date that the court-imposed sentence would have otherwise
12 expired had parole not been granted. The parole board may allow a parolee to earn
13 performance-based parole reduction at the rate of up to five days per month in accordance with
14 performance criteria established by the parole board. The board may terminate a parolee's
15 supervision at any time earlier than the established date of release from parole if the parole
16 board determines that early termination of supervision is warranted and termination of
17 supervision is in the interest of justice. The parole board may not terminate supervision for a
18 parolee who has a life sentence with opportunity for parole earlier than five years from the
19 established date of release on parole.