

Subject Exempting the Board of Pardons from the requirement to hold open meetings when considering waiver requests

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Overview

Under current law, a person must wait for five years after a sentence expires or is discharged before applying for a pardon and must wait either five years after a conviction or until one-half of a sentence is complete before applying for a commutation of the sentence. Individuals can apply for a waiver of the waiting period based on a showing of unusual circumstances. When a person applies for a waiver, the Clemency Review Commission can consider the application and make a recommendation to the Board of Pardons without holding a public hearing.

This bill would allow the Board of Pardons to also consider applications for a waiver of the applicable waiting period without holding a public hearing. The bill does not change the requirements that public hearings be held for other actions by the board.

Summary

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| 1 | Pardon eligibility; waiver.
Exempts the Board of Pardons from the requirement to hold public meetings when considering a request for a waiver of the period a person must wait after the expiration or discharge of a sentence before applying for a pardon. |
| 2 | Commuting eligibility.
Exempts the Board of Pardons from the requirement to hold public meetings when considering a request for a waiver of the period a person must wait after the expiration or discharge of a sentence before applying for a commutation. |



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