

Fifty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2125

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