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HOUSE BILL 16-1215

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING CHANGING THE STATUTORY PURPOSES OF PAROLE TO**
102 **SUCCESSFULLY REINTEGRATE PAROLEES INTO SOCIETY BY**
103 **PROVIDING ENHANCED SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/bills summaries>.)

The bill redefines the purposes of parole.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

HOUSE
2nd Reading Unamended
March 7, 2016

1 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 17-22.5-102.5,
2 **amend** (1) as follows:

3 **17-22.5-102.5. Purpose of parole.** (1) The purposes of this
4 article with respect to parole are:

5 (a) ~~To punish a convicted offender by assuring that his length of~~
6 ~~incarceration and period of parole supervision are in relation to the~~
7 ~~seriousness of his offense~~ TO FURTHER ALL PURPOSES OF SENTENCING
8 AND IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY BY REDUCING THE INCIDENCE OF CRIME AND
9 TECHNICAL PAROLE VIOLATIONS COMMITTED BY PEOPLE ON PAROLE;

10 (b) ~~To assure the fair and consistent treatment of all convicted~~
11 ~~offenders by eliminating unjustified disparity in length of incarceration,~~
12 ~~and establishing fair procedures for the imposition of a period of parole~~
13 ~~supervision; and~~ TO PREPARE, SELECT, AND ASSIST PEOPLE WHO, AFTER
14 SERVING A STATUTORILY DEFINED PERIOD OF INCARCERATION, WILL BE
15 TRANSITIONED AND RETURNED TO THE COMMUNITY;

16 (c) ~~To promote rehabilitation by encouraging the successful~~
17 ~~reintegration of convicted offenders into the community while~~
18 ~~recognizing the need for public safety.~~ TO SET INDIVIDUALIZED
19 CONDITIONS OF PAROLE AND TO PROVIDE SUPERVISION SERVICES AND
20 SUPPORT TO ASSIST PEOPLE ON PAROLE IN ADDRESSING IDENTIFIED RISKS
21 AND NEEDS; AND

22 (d) TO ACHIEVE A SUCCESSFUL DISCHARGE FROM PAROLE
23 SUPERVISION FOR PEOPLE ON PAROLE THROUGH COMPLIANCE WITH THE
24 TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF RELEASE THAT ADDRESS THEIR RISKS AND
25 NEEDS.

26 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
27 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the

1 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
2 10, 2016, if adjournment sine die is on May 11, 2016); except that, if a
3 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
4 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
5 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
6 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
7 November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
8 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.