

## **HB 607 – Conditional Medical Release**

This bill amends s. 947.005, F.S., defining conditional medical release, and also amends s. 947.149, F.S., adding the following: "Inmate with a debilitating illness," which means an inmate who is determined to be suffering from a significant and permanent terminal or nonterminal condition, disease, or syndrome that has rendered the inmate so physically or cognitively debilitated or incapacitated as to create a reasonable probability that the inmate does not constitute a danger to herself or himself or to others." It also replaces the requirement that death be imminent for a terminally ill inmate, adding that death "is expected within 12 months." This expands the pool of those eligible for conditional medical release.

Per DOC, there are approximately 160 inmates currently fitting the criteria described in the bill. In the past, FCOR approved on average 40% of eligible inmates per calendar year under current conditional medical release (2014 through 2016).

**CONFERENCE ADOPTED ESTIMATE: Negative Significant**

**Requested by: House**