

Assembly Bill No. 854

CHAPTER 747

An act to amend Section 1170 of the Penal Code, relating to crime.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 854, Koretz. Crime.

Existing law sets forth legislative findings, declarations, and expressions of intent regarding the purpose of imprisonment for crime, that being punishment, not to preclude, however, programs, including educational programs, designed to rehabilitate nonviolent, first-time felony offenders.

This bill would encourage the Department of Corrections to give priority enrollment in programs to promote successful return to the community to an inmate with a short remaining term of commitment, as specified.

This bill would incorporate additional changes in Section 1170 of the Penal Code, proposed by AB 1941 and AB 1946, to become effective only if this bill and one or more of the other bills are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2005, and this bill is enacted last.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1170 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

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implementing this section, the Department of Corrections is encouraged to give priority enrollment in programs to promote successful return to the community to an inmate with a short remaining term of commitment and a release date that would allow him or her adequate time to complete the program.

(3) In any case in which the punishment prescribed by statute for a person convicted of a public offense is a term of imprisonment in the state prison of any specification of three time periods, the court shall sentence the defendant to one of the terms of imprisonment specified unless the convicted person is given any other disposition provided by law, including a fine, jail, probation, or the suspension of imposition or execution of sentence or is sentenced pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 1168 because he or she had committed his or her crime prior to July 1, 1977. In sentencing the convicted person, the court shall apply the sentencing rules of the Judicial Council. The court, unless it determines that there are circumstances in mitigation of the punishment prescribed, shall also impose any other term that it is required by law to impose as an additional term. Nothing in this article shall affect any provision of law that imposes the death penalty, that authorizes or restricts the granting of probation or suspending the execution or imposition of sentence, or expressly provides for imprisonment in the state prison for life. In any case in which the amount of preimprisonment credit under Section 2900.5 or any other provision of law is equal to or exceeds any sentence imposed pursuant to this chapter, the entire sentence shall be deemed to have been served and the defendant shall not be actually delivered to the custody of the Director of Corrections. The court shall advise the defendant that he or she shall serve a period of parole and order the defendant to report to the parole office closest to the defendant's last legal residence, unless the in-custody credits equal the total sentence, including both confinement time and the period of parole. The sentence shall be deemed a separate prior prison term under Section 667.5, and a copy of the judgment and other necessary documentation shall be forwarded to the Director of Corrections.

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other reports including reports received pursuant to Section 1203.03 and statements in aggravation or mitigation submitted by the prosecution, the defendant, or the victim, or the family of the victim if the victim is deceased, and any further evidence introduced at the sentencing hearing. The court shall set forth on the record the facts and reasons for imposing the upper or lower term. The court may not impose an upper term by using the fact of any enhancement upon which sentence is imposed under any provision of law. A term of imprisonment shall not be specified if imposition of sentence is suspended.

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(d) When a defendant subject to this section or subdivision (b) of Section 1168 has been sentenced to be imprisoned in the state prison and has been committed to the custody of the Director of Corrections, the court may, within 120 days of the date of commitment on its own motion, or at any time upon the recommendation of the Director of Corrections or the Board of Prison Terms, recall the sentence and commitment previously ordered and resentence the defendant in the same manner as if he or she had not previously been sentenced, provided the new sentence, if any, is no greater than the initial sentence. The resentence under this subdivision shall apply the sentencing rules of the Judicial Council so as to eliminate disparity of sentences and to promote uniformity of sentencing. Credit shall be given for time served.

(e) (1) Notwithstanding any other law and consistent with paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 1170, if the Director of Corrections or the Board of Prison Terms or both determine that a prisoner satisfies the criteria set forth in paragraph (2), the director or the board may recommend to the court that the prisoner's sentence be recalled.

(2) The court shall have the discretion to resentence or recall if the court finds both of the following:

(A) The prisoner is terminally ill with an incurable condition caused by an illness or disease that would produce death within six months, as determined by a physician employed by the department.

(B) The conditions under which the prisoner would be released or receive treatment do not pose a threat to public safety.

The Board of Prison Terms shall make findings pursuant to this subdivision before making a recommendation for resentence or recall to the court. This subdivision does not apply to a prisoner sentenced to death or a term of life without the possibility of parole.



(3) Within 10 days of receipt of a positive recommendation by the director or the board, the court shall hold a hearing to consider whether the prisoner's sentence should be recalled.

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(C) The prisoner is medically incapacitated by a medical condition that renders him or her permanently unable to move without assistance, permanently unable to perform activities of daily living such as dressing,



eating, ambulating, or maintaining personal hygiene without assistance, or permanently ventilator-dependent.

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(f) Any sentence imposed under this article shall be subject to the provisions of Sections 3000 and 3057 and any other applicable provisions of law.

(g) A sentence to state prison for a determinate term for which only one term is specified, is a sentence to state prison under this section.

SEC. 5. (a) Section 2 of this bill incorporates amendments to Section 1170 of the Penal Code proposed by both this bill and AB 1946. It shall only become operative if (1) both bills are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2005, (2) each bill amends Section 1170 of the Penal Code, (3) AB 1941 is not enacted or as enacted does not amend that section, and (4) this bill is enacted after AB 1946, in which case Sections 1, 3, and 4 of this bill shall not become operative.

(b) Section 3 of this bill incorporates amendments to Section 1170 of the Penal Code proposed by both this bill and AB 1941. It shall only become operative if (1) both bills are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2005, (2) each bill amends Section 1170 of the Penal Code, (3) AB 1946 is not enacted or as enacted does not amend that



section, and (4) this bill is enacted after AB 1941, in which case Sections 1, 2, and 4 of this bill shall not become operative.

(c) Section 4 of this bill incorporates amendments to Section 1170 of the Penal Code proposed by this bill, AB 1941, and AB 1946. It shall only become operative if (1) all three bills are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2005, (2) all three bills amend Section 1170 of the Penal Code, and (3) this bill is enacted after AB 1946, and AB 1941, in which case Sections 1, 2, and 3 of this bill shall not become operative.

