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Affect of Chapter 292, Section 1, Public Law 1961

To apply the law in question to persons placed on parole before the effective date of the law would be an ex post facto application since it would increase the punishment to which they were subject at the time of parole. Such persons who qualify for discharge from parole at the end of four (4) years, should be discharged as was done under the old law.

As to persons now serving sentences and not yet eligible for a parole hearing, and as to persons convicted and sentenced after the effective date of the new law, Chapter 292, Section 1, Public Law 1961 will apply.

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