



**LOUISIANA
BOARD OF PARDONS & PAROLE**

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BOARD POLICY

SUBJECT: SUSPENSION OF SUPERVISED PAROLE

PURPOSE: To establish guidelines for review of cases that may be recommended for suspension of supervised parole

AUTHORITY: LAC Title XI, Title 22, Chapter 7; La. R.S. 15:574.2

POLICY:

The Board of Pardons and Committee on Parole (Board) supports the mission of the Department of Public Safety & Corrections and the Division of Probation & Parole. Supervision of offenders by P&P is done in a manner that safeguards the community and meets the programmatic needs of the offender. In order to make the most efficient use of P&P Officer time, cases that qualify for suspension of parole supervision may be placed in suspended status without impacting public safety. Placement of offenders in inactive status will allow for enhanced management of offenders in the greatest need of supervision.

DEFINITION:

Suspended Status: Parole cases that meet the necessary requirements to be placed in a non-reporting status, and who remain in such status until the period of supervision expires or a violation occurs. Once a violation occurs, all conditions of parole shall be reactivated.

PROCEDURES:

- A. After a minimum of eighteen months supervised parole and upon the recommendation of the Division of Probation and Parole, the board may determine that a parolee merits unsupervised parole and may suspend a parolee's supervision.
1. A Parole Officer may recommend that an offender be placed in suspended status if the offender meets the following criteria:
 - a. Completed a minimum of eighteen months supervision;
 - b. Is a first or second felony offender;
 - c. Scored "minimum" on the LARNA;
 - d. Has completed all special conditions ordered by the sentencing judge and/or board;

- e. Has remained conviction free (excludes minor traffic and local municipal statutes) for the period of supervision and has no pending criminal matters;
 - f. Is a non DWI case;
 - g. Is free of any conviction, deferred adjudication withheld for a sex offense as defined is R.S. 15:541;
 - h. Is a current non-violent offender (a prior violent offense does not rule out the recommendation for suspended status if the current case meets eligibility requirements).
 - 1. Exceptions to A.1.h.:
 - (i) parole case with a current violent offense that has been on supervision for at least five (5) years and has remained arrest free;
 - (ii) parole case with a current violent offense with a medical or physical condition and is no longer considered a threat to public safety;
 - (iii) parole case with a current violent offense who has been displaced to another state due to emergency situation (i.e., hurricane or other natural disaster) and who do not have a residence plan in Louisiana
- B. A parolee in suspended status may be subject to revocation for parole violations committed prior to the expiration of his full term discharge date. The parolee may be returned to maximum supervision any time prior to the expiration of his full term discharge date if the Division of Probation and Parole makes a report showing that such supervision is in the interest of either the public or the parolee.

SHERYL M. RANATZA, CHAIRMAN

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