

# Parole Fairness Modernization Act (HB4303)



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**HB 4303** addresses a narrow but important fairness issue within Illinois' sentencing framework. Prior to 1978, Illinois operated under an indeterminate sentencing system. Individuals sentenced under that system remain subject to parole supervision for the duration of their maximum sentence under 730 ILCS 5/3-3-8(a).

After 1978, Illinois transitioned to a determinate sentencing system with clearly defined Mandatory Supervised Release (MSR) caps of one to three years under 730 ILCS 5/5-8-1(d).

Today, Illinois operates under two supervision systems:

- Modern determinate sentences: capped MSR of 1–3 years
- Pre-1978 indeterminate sentences: parole potentially lasting decades or life

**HB 4303 eliminates this disparity by aligning supervision terms for pre-1978 sentences with the same MSR caps that apply to everyone else in Illinois.**

This bill:

- Promotes fairness and equal treatment
- Maintains accountability through defined supervision
- Reduces unnecessary long-term administrative supervision
- Impacts a very small population (approximately 34 individuals currently on parole supervision)

This legislation does not release anyone from prison, reduce underlying sentences, or compromise public safety. It simply modernizes supervision policy for a small remaining group subject to outdated statutory language.

## Population Impact

- Approximately 34 individuals are currently on parole supervision
- Similar numbers are still incarcerated

What the Bill Does	What the Bill Does NOT Do:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amends 730 ILCS 5/3-3-8(a)</li> <li>• Eliminates indefinite parole supervision for pre-1978 sentences</li> <li>• Applies MSR caps consistent with 730 ILCS 5/5-8-1(d)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does not release inmates from prison</li> <li>• Does not reduce sentence lengths</li> <li>• Does not eliminate supervision</li> <li>• Does not affect victim notification requirements</li> </ul>