

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2025 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced

House Bill 2357

By Delegate Kelly

[Introduced February 13, 2025 ; referred

to the Committee on the Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §61-2-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to
2 parole eligibility for the crime of murder in the second degree.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2. CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON.

§61-2-3. Penalty for murder of second degree.

1 Murder of the second degree shall be punished by a definite term of imprisonment in the
2 penitentiary which is not less than ~~ten~~ 15 nor more than ~~forty~~ 60 years. A person imprisoned
3 pursuant to the provisions of this section is not eligible for parole prior to having served a minimum
4 of ~~ten~~ 15 years of his or her sentence or the minimum period required by the §62-12-13 of this
5 code, whichever is greater.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to modify the sentence and parole eligibility for murder in
the second degree.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law
and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.