



2024 South Dakota Legislature  
**Senate Bill 9**  
**ENROLLED**

AN ACT

**ENTITLED An Act to further limit applications for clemency for violent crime offenders sentenced to life imprisonment.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

**Section 1. That § 24-15A-23 be AMENDED:**

**24-15A-23.** The board may not hear an application for clemency for one year after the date of the judgment. If an application for clemency is denied, an inmate may not again present an application for clemency for a period of one year. If an application for clemency is denied for an inmate convicted of a crime of violence, as defined in subdivision 22-1-2(9), and sentenced to life imprisonment, the inmate may not again present an application for clemency for a period of four years.

**Section 2. That § 24-15-10 be AMENDED:**

**24-15-10.** If an inmate's application for parole is denied, the inmate may not again present an application before the board for a period of eight months. A continuance of an application for parole is not a denial. An application for clemency may not be heard for one year after the date of the judgment. If an application for clemency is denied, an inmate may not again present an application for clemency for a period of one year. If an application for clemency is denied for an inmate convicted of a crime of violence, as defined in subdivision 22-1-2(9), and sentenced to life imprisonment, the inmate may not again present an application for clemency for a period of four years.

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Secretary of the Senate

By \_\_\_\_\_  
for the Governor

\_\_\_\_\_  
President of the Senate

The attached Act is hereby  
approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, A.D., 2024

Attest:

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Secretary of the Senate

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Governor

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,**

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Speaker of the House

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