

HR 2194

To provide for expedited compassionate release in the event of a public health emergency.

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** RI • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 19, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary

(as of Mar 26, 2021)

This bill expands statutory authority for federal prisoners to be temporarily released on furlough or granted compassionate release during a public health emergency.

First, the bill authorizes the temporary release of prisoners in the event of a public health emergency if there is a substantial, imminent health risk to the prisoner, other prisoners, or employees of the Bureau of Prisons (BOP). The bill also authorizes courts, in addition to the BOP, to grant temporary release.

Second, the bill establishes new procedures for compassionate release requests during public health emergencies. Specifically, the bill requires the BOP to promptly release a defendant's medical records and requires the court to expedite rulings on compassionate release motions.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 19, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Mar 26, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 26, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.