

A Bill to Encourage Early Release for Non-Violent Offenders

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2. **Section 1** Persons serving time in prison for non-violent offenses
3. shall be eligible to apply for early release. Upon release, these
4. individuals shall be enrolled in the newly founded Federal
5. Non-Violent Rehabilitation Program.

6. **Section 2** For the purposes of this legislation, "non-violent
7. offenses" refer to criminal offenses that do not involve the
8. physical use of force or threat of harm against another person,
9. animal, or public property. The "Federal Non-Violent
10. Rehabilitation Program" is a newly established welfare program
11. overseen by the Department of Justice (DOJ).

12. **Section 3** The DOJ shall establish guidelines and criteria for
13. determining eligibility for early release based on factors such
14. as the nature of the offenses, the individual's behavior and
15. conduct while incarcerated, and the potential for successful
16. reintegration into society.

17. **Section 3A** Individuals who wish to be considered for early release
18. shall write a letter of appeal, highlighting their behavior
19. while incarcerated and plan for self-sufficiency once released.
20. These letters shall be submitted for consideration along with a
21. report of the convict's behavior since their incarceration.
22. Individuals needing the least federal financial assistance,
23. especially those who plan to live with their families, shall be
24. given priority approval.

25. **Section 3B** Through the Federal Non-Violent Rehabilitation Program,
26. individuals granted early release shall be provided with
27. appropriate reentry support, including application assistance
28. related to housing programs and long-term employment.

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29. **Section 3C** The Federal Non-Violent Rehabilitation Program shall
30. enter a trial period of three years at the time of passage,
31. allocated \$30 billion annually. After evaluation of efficacy in
32. reducing recidivism, funding may be extended every eight years.
33. **Section 3D** 10% of state and federal funding for police departments
34. shall be collected and allocated toward this legislation. Any
35. further necessary funding will be allocated from the Department
36. of Defense (DOD).
37. **Section 4** This legislation will take effect 12 months from passage.
38. **Section 5** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby
39. declared null and void.

The End-of-Life Organ Donation Act

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2. **Section 1** Terminally ill individuals shall have the right to elect
3. to donate their organs and pursue end-of-life options, including
4. medically assisted suicide, in accordance with established
5. guidelines and protocols. Individuals wishing to partake in this
6. program can elect to donate their organs to living recipients on
7. the transplant list or to medical facilities accepting human
8. remains.

9. **Section 2** "Terminally ill" individuals will include those with a
10. prognosis of five years or less due to a physical medical
11. condition. Organs procured from directed donation can be
12. transferred to living recipients only if they are without
13. disease and can sustain life; donated organs must meet medical
14. requirements as determined by the United Network for Organ
15. Sharing (UNOS).

16. **Section 3** The Department of Health and Human Services, in
17. collaboration with medical professional organizations and ethics
18. committees, shall develop regulations and guidelines for the
19. process of organ donation and end-of-life options for terminally
20. ill individuals.

21. **Section 3A** Healthcare facilities and healthcare providers shall be
22. required to provide comprehensive information to terminally ill
23. patients about their organ donation options and end-of-life
24. options.

25. **Section 3B** Individuals choosing to donate their organs will have
26. all medical debt forgiven, the expense of which will be covered
27. by the Department of Health and Human Services.

28. **Section 4** This legislation will take after passage.

29. **Section 5** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby
30. declared null and void.

The Salton Sea Environmental Restoration Act

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2. **Section 1** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency shall create a
3. plan outlining comprehensive restoration measures aimed at
4. improving water quality, preserving wildlife habitat, and
5. ensuring the long-term sustainability of the Salton Sea and
6. surrounding region in California.

7. **Section 2** The "Salton Sea" refers to the body of water located in
8. Southern California. The "surrounding region" refers to the
9. Salton Sea State Recreation Area, Dos Palmas Preserve, and Sonny
10. Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge.

11. **Section 3** The following government agencies shall oversee the
12. enforcement and implementation of this initiative, and shall be
13. allocated a \$250 million dollar budget in the next fiscal year:

14. **Section 3A** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) shall
15. lead efforts to monitor and improve water quality at the Salton
16. Sea. THE EPA shall establish water quality standards for the
17. Salton Sea, including measures to reduce salinity and pollution
18. levels.

19. **Section 3B** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) shall be
20. responsible for preserving and enhancing wildlife habitat in the
21. area, focusing on migratory bird populations and threatened or
22. endangered species.

23. **Section 3C** The California Department of Water Resources (CWR)
24. shall collaborate with federal agencies to manage water
25. resources sustainably.

26. **Section 4** This legislation will take effect three months from
27. passage.

28. **Section 5** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby
29. declared null and void.

The Order to Conserve Ecologies on the American Nation's Shores (O.C.E.A.N.S.)

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
2. Section 1 The United States will identify riparian zones along
3. domestic coastlines of the Continental U.S. at risk of erosion
4. and ecological harm. These areas shall be designated as national
5. conservation areas and subject to federal protection.
6. Section 2 "Riparian zones" are defined as coastal areas with
7. aquatic vegetation and animal habitat. These zones shall be
8. identified on all U.S. coasts, including land bordering the
9. Atlantic Ocean, Pacific Ocean, and Gulf of Mexico. These zones
10. shall extend one mile onto the land and up to three miles into
11. the water. No fishing or hunting may occur in these protected
12. zones.
13. Section 3 The National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) in
14. conjunction with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and
15. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) shall be responsible for the
16. implementation of this legislation.
17. Section 3A When applicable, the Endangered Species Act may be used 18.
- to conserve coastal land and prohibit future construction
19. projects.
20. Section 3B Any necessary funding for the implementation of this
21. legislation shall come from the aforementioned departments.
22. Section 4 This legislation will take effect six months from passage.
23. Section 5 All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby
24. declared null and void.

Natural Disaster Insurance Restriction Act

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1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2. Section 1 Home insurance companies are hereby prohibited from

3. providing coverage for houses located in natural disaster-prone

4. areas (NDPAs) unless said houses adhere to disaster-resilient

5. construction guidelines. Those currently with home insurance

6. residing in NDPAs will be allowed to carry out their contract

7. terms, however, no new insurance shall be issued.

8. Section 2 "Natural disaster-prone areas" (NDPAs) include regions of

9. the US where flooding, fires, and earthquakes are common, and

10. shall be identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency

11. (FEMA). Citizens shall not be prohibited from constructing homes

12. or residing in these said areas, but will not be granted home

13. insurance unless the house is constructed to meet

14. disaster-resilient guidelines.

15. Section 3 FEMA and the Department of Housing and Urban Development

16. (HUD) shall collaboratively identify NDPAs that are most threatening to

17. constituents' safety. These areas shall be publicly listed by

18. county and updated every five years.

19. Section 3A FEMA and HUD shall work together to establish

20. guidelines for disaster-resistant construction practices for

21. homes. Any individual seeking insurance for a home in a natural

22. disaster-prone area must adhere to said construction practices,

23. and have their home evaluated prior to applying for insurance.

24. Section 3B The HUD will be allocated \$5 billion USD over the next

25. ten years. Homeowners affected by this prohibition may apply for

26. federal grants to cover the cost of moving from these

27. disaster-prone areas through the HUD.

29. Section 4 This bill will take effect immediately upon passage.

30. Section 5 All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby

31. declared null and void.