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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H. R. 5727--Parole Commission and Reorganization Act. This bill establishes a United States Parole Commission and authorizes various parole procedures and practices.

The bill establishes an independent and regionalized U. S. Parole Commission and codifies various parole practices and procedures which have already been adopted administratively.

The major provisions of the bill:

- The U. S. Parole Board will be reconstituted as the U. S. Parole Commission, composed of nine members appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, to serve not more than two six-year terms.
- The Commission is directed to: (1) establish guidelines and procedural rules for parole determinations as are necessary to carry out a national parole policy; (2) set boundaries for a minimum of five parole regions throughout the nation; and (3) submit budget requests to OMB separately from other agencies of the Department of Justice.
- The Commission is permitted to delegate its decision-making authorities to regional commissioners, who may adopt the recommendations of hearing examiners.

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