

**609.12 PAROLE OR DISCHARGE.**

Subdivision 1. **Authority; conditions.** A person sentenced to the commissioner of corrections for imprisonment for a period less than life may be paroled or discharged at any time without regard to length of the term of imprisonment which the sentence imposes when in the judgment of the commissioner of corrections, and under the conditions the commissioner imposes, the granting of parole or discharge would be most conducive to rehabilitation and would be in the public interest.

Subd. 2. **Parole required after certain term.** If a sentence of more than five years has been imposed on a defendant for a crime authorizing a sentence of not more than ten years, the commissioner of corrections shall grant the defendant parole no later than the expiration of five years of imprisonment, less time granted for good behavior, unless the commissioner determines with or without hearing that the defendant's parole would not be conducive to rehabilitation or would not be in the public interest.

Subd. 3. **Parole; commissioner powers.** All sentences to the commissioner of corrections for the imprisonment of the defendant are subject to the laws relating to parole and the powers of the commissioner of corrections, except as modified in subdivisions 1 and 2, and to all other laws relating to persons in said institutions and their imprisonment.

**History:** 1963 c 753 art 1 s 609.12; 1973 c 654 s 15; 1975 c 271 s 6; 1983 c 274 s 18; 1986 c 444