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Board of Executive Clemency Adopts Governor's Proposal to Categorically Remit All Fines Related to COVID-19 Restrictions and to Revise the Rules of Executive Clemency Adopted by the Clemency Board

Tallahassee, Fla. – Today, the Board of Executive Clemency adopted the Governor's proposal to categorically remit all fines related to COVID-19 restrictions.

The Board also adopted the Governor's proposed revisions to the Rules of Executive Clemency. The revised Rules may be viewed at the following link: <https://www.fcor.state.fl.us/clemency.shtml>.

The revisions to the rules are designed to: (1) provide an avenue for felons who have completed all terms of sentence under Amendment 4 to apply for automatic restoration of their full civil rights without a hearing; (2) continue to provide an avenue for felons who have not completed all terms of sentence under Amendment 4 to apply for restoration of full civil rights with a hearing; (3) streamline the Rules; (4) expedite the processing of clemency applications; and (5) reduce the backlog of clemency cases.

Felons who have not completed all terms of sentence—or who have not received a judicial modification or conversion of sentence sufficient to satisfy Amendment 4—may not receive the automatic restoration of civil rights without a hearing but may continue to apply for restoration of civil rights with a hearing under the current clemency process.

Finally, following today's meeting of the Board, the Governor unilaterally exercised his clemency powers to deny the pending clemency applications of all murderers and felony sex offenders.

The Governor's mass denial of clemency to murderers and felony sex offenders will result in the immediate denial of approximately 300 pending clemency applications. The Florida Commission on Offender Review estimates that up to 1,000 pending clemency applications will be denied pursuant to the Governor's action.

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The Florida Commission on Offender Review (FCOR), is a constitutionally authorized, quasi-judicial, decision-making body which has been serving the citizens of this state since 1941. The Commission holds offenders accountable for their behaviors and ensures public safety through its careful selection of offenders for re-entry into society by administering parole, conditional medical release, control release, conditional release, and addiction recovery release supervision. The Commission also acts as the investigative arm of the Governor and Cabinet, sitting as the Board of Executive Clemency in clemency matters. The Commission's mission is to ensure public safety and provide victim assistance through the post prison release process.