

1 HB84  
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3 By Representative Hill  
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SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a mayor is authorized to remit fines, commute sentences, and issue pardons for violations of municipal ordinances and for misdemeanors which are prosecuted in municipal court as violations of municipal ordinances.

This bill would limit that pardon power so that a mayor may not remit fines or costs relating to, commute sentences for, or pardon any conviction for domestic violence.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to mayoral pardons; to amend Section 12-14-15, Code of Alabama 1975, to limit mayoral pardon power so that a mayor may not remit fines or costs relating to, commute sentences for, or pardon any conviction for domestic violence.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1                   Section 1. Section 12-14-15, Code of Alabama 1975,  
2 is amended to read as follows:

3                   "§12-14-15.

4                   "The mayor may remit fines and such costs as are  
5 payable to the municipality and commute sentences imposed by a  
6 municipal court or the court to which an appeal was taken for  
7 violations of municipal ordinances and may grant pardons,  
8 after conviction, for violation of such ordinances, and he or  
9 she shall report his action to the council or other governing  
10 body at the first regular meeting thereof in the succeeding  
11 month with his or her reasons ~~therefor~~ in writing. The mayor  
12 may not remit fines or costs relating to, commute sentences  
13 for, or grant pardons for any conviction of a domestic  
14 violence crime."

15                   Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
16 first day of the third month following its passage and  
17 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.