

and Punishment," subheading "Department of Correctional Services," sub-subheading "Prisoners," to follow immediately after Section 700C thereof, to provide that upon the recommendation of the Warden or Superintendent of a State penal or reformatory institution and the concurrence of the Commissioner of Correction, prisoners may be authorized to leave a State penal or reformatory institution for the purpose of special leave; and to specify some of the purposes for special leave.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 700D be and it is hereby added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume, 1969 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Places of Reformation and Punishment," subheading "Department of Correctional Services," sub-subheading "Prisoners," to follow immediately after Section 700C thereof, to read as follows:

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*Upon the recommendation of treatment staff, with the approval of the Warden or Superintendent of any State penal or reformatory institution under his jurisdiction, the Commissioner of Correction may authorize special leave to an inmate ~~or inmates~~ to leave an institution for participation in special community or other meritorious programs or activities deemed beneficial to the inmate, AND NOT DETRIMENTAL TO THE PUBLIC, ~~or inmates~~ by both the Warden or Superintendent and the Commissioner of Correction and which in their judgment would contribute to the ~~resocialization~~ REHABILITATION process of the respective inmate ~~or inmates~~. To be considered for this special leave the inmate ~~or inmates~~ shall be eligible solely upon the concurrence of the Warden or Superintendent and the Commissioner of Corrections that positive attitudinal and growth patterns are being established. ALL SPECIAL LEAVES MUST BE ISSUED IN WRITING AND MUST BE SIGNED BY BOTH THE WARDEN OR SUPERINTENDENT AND BY THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONS, AND THIS AUTHORITY MAY NOT BE DELEGATED. ALL SUCH ORDERS MUST BE KEPT ON FILE IN THE DEPARTMENT. ~~Suggested but not limiting justification for special leave would~~ SPECIAL LEAVE MAY ONLY be for the purpose of:*

- (a) attending educational programs.
- (b) improving job skills.
- (c) attending TRADE licensing examinations.
- (d) being interviewed for employment.
- ~~(e) participating in drug abuse, delinquency and crime prevention programs.~~
- ~~(f)~~ (E) participating as a volunteer for a ~~non-profit organization~~ ~~or~~ governmental agency in an activity serving the general public.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1970.

Approved May 21, 1970.