

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 29, 1971

CHAPTER 250
(Senate Bill 592)

AN ACT to add new Section 700C (d) to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "III-Places of Reformation and Punishment," to follow immediately after Section 700C (c) thereof, to provide for the granting of weekend leave to prisoners who are participating in a prerelease program and to prescribe the conditions and requirements for such weekend leaves.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That new Section 700C (d) be and it is hereby added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "III—Places of Reformation and Punishment," to follow immediately after Section 700C (c) thereof, and to read as follows:

700C.

(d) (1) *Any prisoner who has participated for at least 2 months in a pre-release program as authorized by this section may be granted weekend leave in this State; provided, however, that the prisoner shall have the recommendation of his direct supervisor in the Pre-Release program.*

(2) *Final authorization and terms and conditions for such leave shall be granted only by the Commissioner of Correction. A weekend shall consist of a period of time no longer than from 6 p. m. Friday to 6 p. m. the Sunday immediately following.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.

Approved April 29, 1971

CHAPTER 251
(Senate Bill 594)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 700A (b-1) (1) of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle