

place of confinement so designated at the time specified in such plan, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be subject to the penalties provided in Section 139 of Article 27.

(d) A prisoner employed in the community under a "work release" plan shall surrender to the Department of Correction his total earnings, less payroll deductions required by law. The Department shall deduct from such earnings, in the following order of priority, an amount determined to be the cost to the State of providing food, lodging and clothing for such prisoner; the actual and necessary food, travel and other expenses of such prisoner when released from actual confinement under the program; and such amount as the prisoner may be legally obligated to pay for the support of his dependents, which amount shall be paid to such dependents through the local [department of welfare] *Social Services Administration* in the county or city in which such dependents reside. Any balance remaining after such deductions and payments shall be credited to the prisoner's account and shall be paid to him upon release.

(e) No prisoner employed in the community under the provisions of this section shall be deemed to be an agent, employee or involuntary servant of the Department of Correction while released from confinement pursuant to the terms of any "work release" plan. The provisions of Section 188A of Article 41 shall not apply in the event of any injuries sustained in the gainful private employment of any prisoner released under a "work release" plan.

(f) Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect eligibility for parole, as provided in Article 41, or diminution of confinement, as provided in Section 700 of this article, of any prisoner released under a "work release" plan.

700B.

(a) The Commissioner of Correction may authorize compassionate leave in accordance with the provisions of this section for any inmate confined in any of the institutions enumerated in Section 689 of this Article.

(b) Leave for an inmate shall be authorized only for the purpose of visiting a member of his immediate family who is seriously ill or attending the funeral of a member of his immediate family.

(c) Leave shall be granted only upon the written approval of the Commissioner *and may be conditioned upon the inmate's agreement to waive his right to contest extradition proceedings.* When he approves a leave, he shall issue an authorization to the inmate for the leave which shall specify the conditions of the leave. At the same time, a copy of the leave authorization shall be filed by the Commissioner in his office s AS a public record. At all times while on leave, the inmate shall have in his possession a copy of the leave authorization.

(d) The duration of any leave shall include reasonable travel time and reasonable time for fulfilling the purpose of the leave. The inmate to whom leave is granted or anyone acting in his behalf, may be required by the Commissioner of Correction to reimburse the Department of Correction for the expense incurred by the Department in granting the leave.