

(e) The Commissioner is authorized to adopt such reasonable regulations as are necessary to carry out the power granted herein.

(f) Failure to comply with the terms of an authorization for leave shall be considered as a violation of the provisions of Section 139 of this article.

700C.

(a) The Commissioner of Correctional Services may authorize special leave *within or without this State* in accordance with the provisions of this section for any inmate confined in any of the institutions under his jurisdiction who has been selected to participate in a prerelease program. Inmates qualified for the prerelease program are those who are serving within the last three months of their sentence, or approved for the parole supervision.

(b) Leave for an inmate in a prerelease program may be authorized to allow time for employment interviews, or as a part of a prerelease program relating to employment.

(c) Leave may be authorized for an inmate or group of inmates in a prerelease program to leave AN institution for participation in special community programs or educational programs, which have as their purpose the rehabilitation of inmates.

(d) (1) Any prisoner who has participated for at least two (2) months in a prerelease 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 prerelease program.

(2) Final authorization and the terms and conditions for such leave shall be granted only by the Commissioner of Correction *and may be conditioned upon the prisoner's agreement to waive his right to contest extradition proceedings*. A weekend shall consist of a period of time no longer than from 6 p.m. Friday to 6 p.m. Sunday immediately following.

700D.

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 *either within or without this State* 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, by both the warden or superintendent and the Commissioner of Correction and which in their judgment would contribute to the rehabilitation process of the respective inmate. To be considered for this special leave the inmate shall be eligible solely upon the concurrence of the warden or superintendent and the Commissioner of Correction 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 Correction, and this authority may not be delegated. *As a condition of granting such leave, the Commissioner may require the inmate's agreement to waive his right to contest extradition proceedings*. All such orders must be kept on file in the Department. Special leave may only be for the purpose of: