

DRAFTER'S NOTE: This corrects stylistic errors in cross-references in Article 27, § 692A.

The stylistic errors occurred in Ch. 306 of the Acts of 1984.

The stylistic errors were noted by the Computer Division of the Department of Legislative Reference.

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Whenever it appears to the Department that a prisoner in any institution under its control is ill, and that the facilities of the institution are inadequate to provide treatment for such illness, the Department may temporarily remove the prisoner to any place within the State where adequate treatment may be obtained. The Department may direct the temporary removal of such prisoner for a definite period of time, or from time to time, to a place where adequate treatment for the illness of the prisoner may be obtained, with such guards and under such supervision and safeguards as may be necessary to prevent the escape of the prisoner from custody, and subject to such rules and regulations with regard to guards, supervision, and terms of temporary release as the Department may prescribe, provided that any such order shall direct the return of such prisoner to the jurisdiction of the Department as soon as the state of his health will permit. Such order of removal shall be the authority of the officer in charge of the penal institution to remove the prisoner in accordance with its terms, and the prisoner shall be regarded during the time of such removal as remaining in custody of the Department for the purposes of determining the time when the prisoner shall be released from the sentence, and in determining such time he shall be entitled to diminution of the period of his confinement as provided in §§ 700(a) and 700(b) of this article. If any prisoner temporarily removed in accordance with the provisions of this section escapes, he shall be deemed guilty of the crime of escape and subject to the penalties prescribed by § 139 of this article.

The expenses of the accommodation, maintenance, and medical care of the prisoner whose temporary removal has been authorized, in accordance with this section, shall be paid by the prisoner or his relatives or friends, or from any funds that are available FOR THE HOSPITAL EXPENSE OF PRISONERS, OR, IF NOT OTHERWISE AVAILABLE, shall be a charge upon the county, city, or town from which such inmate was committed, and collectible by the officer in charge of such institution, in accordance with the procedure prescribed by Title 16 of the Health - General Article.

DRAFTER'S NOTE: This adds clarifying language inadvertently omitted in Article 27, § 698.