

CHAPTER 147

(Senate Bill 171)

AN ACT concerning

Division of Correction - Special Leave for Inmates

FOR the purpose of authorizing special leave for inmates to participate in community-based treatment programs which will contribute to the rehabilitation of inmates and defining qualifications for an inmate to participate in special leave.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
Section 700C(a) and (c)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1982 Replacement Volume and 1986 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

700C.

(a) The Commissioner of Correction, the deputy commissioner, the assistant commissioner -- operations, or the assistant commissioner -- administration, 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 the Commissioner's jurisdiction who has been selected to participate in a prerelease program. Inmates qualified for [the prerelease program] SPECIAL LEAVE are those who are [serving] within [the last] three months of their [sentence, or approved for the parole supervision] ANTICIPATED RELEASE.

(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 TREATMENT programs or educational programs, which [have as their purpose] WILL CONTRIBUTE TO the rehabilitation of inmates.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1987.