

~~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, for, if not otherwise available, shall be a charge upon the county, city, or town from which such inmate was committed, and ARE collectible by the officer in charge of such institution, in accordance with the procedure prescribed by Title 16 of the Health - General Article.~~

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If a representation is made to the officer in charge of any penal institution that a woman confined in such penal institution is pregnant and about to give birth to a child, a reasonable time before the anticipated birth of such child, the officer shall make careful inquiry and, if the facts so require, recommend to the Governor through the Department of Correction the exercise of executive clemency. The Governor, without notice, may parole the convict, commute the sentence, or suspend its execution for a definite period or from time to time as he deems proper.

If the sentence is suspended, the officer in charge of such institution, a reasonable time before the anticipated birth of such child, shall cause such woman to be removed from such institution and provided with comfortable accommodations, maintenance, and medical care elsewhere under such supervision and safeguard to prevent her escape from custody, as he may determine, and subject to her return to such institution as soon after the birth of such child as the state of her health will permit. The expenses of such accommodation, maintenance, and medical care shall be paid by said woman or her relatives or friends, or from any fund that is available for the hospital expenses of such inmate within the institution, -{or, if not otherwise available, shall be a charge upon the county, city, or town from which such inmate was committed, -} and ARE collectible by [such] THE officer in charge of [such] THE institution TO WHICH THE INMATE WAS COMMITTED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURE DESCRIBED BY TITLE 16 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE. Upon proof being furnished by the father or other relatives of their ability properly to care for and maintain such child, the Department may order that the child be given into the care and custody of the father or other relative, who shall thereafter care for and maintain the same at his or her own expense until the release of the mother of such child or until such child shall