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## CHAPTER 51

## ESCAPES

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**§ 1401. Voluntarily suffering criminals to escape**

If a jailer or other officer voluntarily suffers any prisoner in his custody to escape, he shall be punished, if such prisoner was convicted of a felony punishable by imprisonment for life, by a fine of not more than \$1,000 and by imprisonment for life; if charged with such felony, by imprisonment for not less than 5 years nor more than 15 years; if charged or convicted of any other offense, by the same penalties and punishments that such prisoner would have suffered or been liable to suffer, if he had not escaped.

R.S.1954, c. 135, § 25.

**§ 1402. Negligent escapes and refusal to receive prisoners**

If a jailer or other officer through negligence suffers any prisoner in his custody for a criminal offense to escape, or willfully refuses to receive into his custody any prisoner committed to him on a lawful process, he shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 and by imprisonment for not more than 2 years.

R.S.1954, c. 135, § 26.

**§ 1403. Aiding arrested person to escape from officer**

Any person who shall, directly or indirectly, aid, abet or assist any person arrested for a felony to escape from custody of any officer charged with the enforcement of the criminal laws of this State shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 3 years, or by both.

R.S.1954, c. 135, § 24.

**§ 1404. Forcibly rescuing, furnishing means or otherwise aiding an escape**

Whoever forcibly rescues a prisoner lawfully detained for any criminal offense; conveys into a jail or other place of confinement any disguise, arms, instruments or other things adapted and intended to aid, or in any way aids him to escape, although such escape is not affected or attempted; or whoever secrets, or with a design to aid the prisoner in his escape, harbors; or with such design in any way assists such prisoner who has escaped or is at large shall be punished, if such prisoner was in custody for a felony, by imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than 7 years; and if for any other offense, by a fine of not more than \$500 and by imprisonment for less than one year.

R.S.1954, c. 135, § 27.

**§ 1405. Escapes from jail**

Whoever, being lawfully detained in any jail or other place of confinement, except the State Prison, breaks or escapes therefrom, or attempts to do so, shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than 7 years. The sentence to such imprisonment shall not be concurrent with any other sentence then being served or thereafter to be imposed upon such escapee. Whoever resists apprehension or breaks arrest shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months.

R.S.1954, c. 135, § 28; 1963, c. 77.

**§ 1406. Officers refusing or omitting to execute process**

If an officer, authorized to serve process, willfully and corruptly refuses to execute any lawful process to him directed requiring him to arrest or confine any person charged with or convicted of any offense; or thus omits or delays to execute it, whereby the offender escapes, he shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 and by imprisonment for less than one year.

R.S.1954, c. 135, § 29.