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§ 501. Aliens; report to immigration officer

Whenever any person shall be admitted or committed to the State Prison, the State Reformatories for Men and Women, the county jail, or any other state, county, city or private institution which is supported wholly or in part by public funds, it shall be the duty of the warden, superintendent, sheriff or other officer in charge of such institution to inquire at once into the nationality of such person and, if it shall appear that such person is an alien, to notify immediately the United States immigration officer in charge of the district in which such prison, reformatory, jail or other institution is located, of the date of and the reason for such alien's admission or commitment, the length of time for which admitted or committed, the country of which he is a citizen and the date on which and the port at which he last entered the United States.

R.S.1954, c. 2, § 1.

§ 502. —Certified copy of record to immigration officer

Upon the official request of the United States immigration officer in charge of the territory or district in which is located any court committing an alien to any state, county or private institution which is supported wholly or in part by public funds, it shall be the duty of the clerk of such court to furnish without charge a certified copy of the complaint, information or indictment, and the judgment and sentence, and any other record pertaining to the case of the said alien.

R.S.1954, c. 2, § 2.

§ 503. Sale of out-of-state prison-made goods prohibited

No goods, wares or merchandise manufactured, produced or mined, wholly or in part, by convicts or prisoners, except paroled convicts or prisoners, or in any penal or reformatory institutions and transported into the State shall be used, consumed, sold or stored within the State. The purpose and intent of this section is to declare the policy of the State in taking advantage of the so-called Hawes-Cooper bill enacted by Federal Congress and being entitled, "An Act to Divest Goods, Wares, and Merchandise Manufactured, Produced, or Mined by Convicts or Prisoners of Their Interstate Character in Certain Cases," to be a policy of prohibiting the sale or use within the State, of any goods, wares or merchandise produced in penal institutions outside of the State and transported into this State.

R.S.1954, c. 27, § 18.

§ 504. Convicts to labor; keeper; profits

The keeper of the jail, workhouse, house of correction, or, in case of a sentence to any town farm or almshouse, the overseers of the poor of such town or the keeper or agent of such town farm or almshouse may require a convict committed thereto to labor at any lawful work within the town where such institution is situated, and may appoint any suitable person keeper over him, and may collect and receive the wages, compensation or profits of his labor, and at the expiration of his sentence pay to the convict such reasonable compensation as in their judgment the profits of his labor will warrant, deducting therefrom the costs of commitment and any fine imposed under Title 17, section 3757.

R.S.1954, c. 137, § 40.

§ 505. Infected prisoners

When any person in a jail, house of correction or workhouse is attacked with a disease which the local health officer of his town, by medical advice, considers dangerous to the safety and health of other prisoners or of the inhabitants of the town, he shall, by his order in writing, direct his removal to some place of safety, there to be securely kept and provided for until his further order. If he recovers from such disease, he shall be returned to his place of confinement.

R.S.1954, c. 25, § 84.

§ 506. —Order for removal

If any person was committed under section 505 by an order of court or judicial process, the order for his removal, or a copy thereof attested by the local health officer, shall be returned by him with the doings thereon into the office of the clerk of the court from which such order or process was issued. No such removal shall be deemed an escape.

R.S.1954, c. 25, § 85.