

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. MacPhail of Owls Head.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT Amending Laws Pertaining to the Maine State Prison.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 15, § 453, amended. The first sentence of section 453 of Title 15 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 19 of chapter 356 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended to read as follows:

When a verdict of guilty is rendered against any person for an offense punishable by imprisonment in the State Prison, and such person is committed to jail pending decision by the Supreme Judicial Court on appeal or otherwise, or is committed to jail to await action of a grand jury after a finding of probable cause, **or to await trial after indictment**, the sheriff of the county in which such person is committed to jail may certify, in writing, to any Justice of the Superior or Supreme Judicial Court that in his opinion such person is dangerous and liable to attempt to escape from such jail.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 34, § 591, amended. Section 591 of Title 34 of the Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

§ 591. Power of officers; uniforms

Employees of the State Prison shall have the same power and authority as sheriffs in their respective counties, only insofar as **searching for and** apprehending escapees from State Prison ~~is~~ **are** concerned, when so authorized by the warden. Employees of the State Prison ~~shall~~ **may** be provided, at the expense of the State, with distinctive uniforms, for use when requisite to the performance of their official duties, all of which shall remain the property of the State. ~~When on duty to enforce the orders of the warden, prison em-~~

ployees shall be in uniform. Section 595 shall be applicable whether the employee in the exercise of his authority is in or out of uniform.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 34, § 595, amended. Section 595 of Title 34 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read as follows:

Employees of the State Prison may carry weapons within and outside the precincts of the prison in connection with their assigned duties or training.

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 34, § 712, amended. The first sentence of section 712 of Title 34 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

On the parole or discharge of any convict ~~who has conducted himself well during his imprisonment,~~ the warden may furnish him a sum not exceeding ~~\$25~~ \$50, ~~and, if he requests it, a certificate of such good conduct;~~ and shall take care that every convict on his parole or discharge is provided with decent clothing.

Sec. 5. R. S., T. 34, § 755, amended. Section 755 of Title 34 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by chapter 183 of the public laws of 1965, is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read as follows:

Any person knowingly providing to, leaving for or making available to any prisoner on assignment or program outside the prison, contraband as defined in this section, upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to the penalty prescribed in this section.