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Chapter 505

AN ACT Relating to Maine State Prison Minimum Security Unit.

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

R. S., T. 34, § 751, amended. The last paragraph of section 751 of Title 34 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

Inmates of the State Prison may be transferred at the discretion of the Warden to the State Prison Minimum Security Unit at South Warren, which shall be considered a part of the State Prison. The Warden of the State Prison may establish a vocational training program at the minimum security unit for the purpose of providing inmates skills designed to assist in the acquisition and retention of employment following parole or discharge. The warden may employ or provide training for inmates in minimum security facilities conducted on leased land in towns within the County of Knox and detain and house the inmates in the barracks located in the minimum security unit at South Warren. Inmates so transferred or so employed or in training shall be deemed to be serving their sentences and subject to the same rules and regulations as inmates confined within the walls of the prison at Thomaston. An inmate who escapes from the State Prison Minimum Security Unit or from land leased by the Warden of the State Prison, under this section, wherever located, shall be guilty of an escape as if such escape were from the confines of the State Prison and shall be punished in accordance with section 710.

Effective October 1, 1969

Chapter 506

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 employees 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~~ **At the time of 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~~ at the time of 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.