

CHAPTER 1093
INMATE WORK RELEASE

S. F. 2103

AN ACT permitting an inmate to be placed on work release for longer than six months in any twelve-month period.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section two hundred forty-seven A point five (247A.5), Code 1977, is amended to read as follows:

247A.5 HOUSING FACILITIES. The department shall designate and adopt facilities in the institutions and camps under its jurisdiction for the housing of inmates granted work release privileges. In areas where facilities are not within reasonable proximity of the place of employment of an inmate so released, the department may contract with the proper authorities of political subdivisions of the state or suitable public or private agencies for the quartering of the inmate in local housing facilities. The committee shall include as a specific term or condition in the work release plan of any inmate the place where the inmate is to be housed when not on the work assignment. The committee shall not place an inmate on work release for longer than six months in any twelve-month period provided, however, that an inmate may be placed on work release for a period in excess of six months in any twelve-month period if unanimous approval is given by the committee. Inmates may be temporarily released to the supervision of a responsible person to participate in family and selected community, religious, educational, social, civic and recreational activities when it is determined that the participation will directly facilitate the release transition from institution to community.

Sec. 2. This Act is effective January 1, 1979.

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