social services may be temporarily released. However, a class "A" felon shall not be eligible for furlough unless his or her sentence has been commuted to a term of years and unless the parole board recommends the commencement of gradual release. Furloughs for a period not to exceed fourteen days may be granted when an immediate member of the inmate's family is seriously ill or has died, when an inmate is to be interviewed by a prospective employer, or when an inmate is authorized to participate in a training program not available within the institution. Furloughs for a period not to exceed fourteen days may also be granted in order to allow the inmate to participate in programs or activities that serve rehabilitative objectives. The commissioner of social services shall promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this paragraph.

Approved May 22, 1980

CHAPTER 1056 PENAL AND CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS H. F. 2490

AN ACT relating to emergency repairs and the purchase of materials and equipment affecting the security of a state penal or correctional institution.

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

Section 1. Chapter two hundred eighteen (218), Code 1979, is amended by adding the following new section:

NEW SECTION. EMERGENCY PURCHASES. The purchase of materials or equipment for penal or correctional institutions under the division of adult corrections is exempted from the requirements of centralized purchasing and bidding by the department of general services if the materials or equipment are needed to make an emergency repair at an institution or the security of the institution would be jeopardized because the materials or equipment could not be purchased soon enough through centralized purchasing and bidding and, in either case, if the commissioner of social services approves the emergency purchase.

Approved May 1, 1980