791.237 Paroled or discharged prisoner; furnishing clothing, transportation, and money; repayment of money; prisoner identification card; cost of implementing section.

Sec. 37. (1) When a prisoner is released upon parole, the department shall provide the prisoner with clothing and a nontransferable ticket to the place in which the paroled prisoner is to reside. At the discretion of the deputy director in charge of the field operations administration, the paroled prisoner may be advanced the expense of the transportation to the place of residence and a sum of money necessary for reasonable maintenance and subsistence for a 2-week period, as determined by the deputy director. A sum of money given under this section shall be repaid to the state by the paroled prisoner within 180 days after the money is received by the paroled prisoner.

(2) If a prisoner who is discharged without being paroled has less than $75.00 in his or her immediate possession, has no visible means of support, and has conserved personal funds in a reasonable manner, the department shall furnish to that prisoner all of the following:

(a) Clothing that is appropriate for the season.
(b) A sum of $75.00 including that amount already in the prisoner's possession.
(c) Transportation to a place in this state where the prisoner will reside or work or to the place where the prisoner was convicted or sentenced.

(3) When providing for transportation, the department shall do all of the following:

(a) Use the most economical available public transportation.
(b) Arrange for and purchase the prisoner's transportation ticket.
(c) Assume responsibility for delivering that prisoner to the site of departure and confirming the prisoner's departure from the site.

(4) The department shall provide a prisoner identification card to each prisoner when he or she is released on parole or is released upon completion of his or her maximum sentence. The identification card shall include all of the following based upon all available information:

(a) The prisoner's photograph, taken every 3 years or upon significant appearance change, whichever occurs first.
(b) The prisoner's legal name as identified on the prisoner's birth certificate or on any 1 of the other citizenship identification documents specified by the secretary of state as being necessary to obtain an operator's license or state personal identification card, if those documents are available.
(c) The prisoner's date of birth.
(d) A statement as to whether the prisoner was placed on parole or discharged upon completion of his or her sentence.

(5) The cost of implementing this section shall be paid out of the general fund of the state.


Compiler's note: Section 2 of 1994 PA 217, which provides that “This amendatory act shall take effect on the date that sentencing guidelines are enacted into law after the sentencing commission submits its report to the secretary of the senate and the clerk of the house of representatives pursuant to sections 31 to 34 of chapter IX of the code of criminal procedure, Act No. 175 of the Public Acts of 1927, as added by the amendatory act resulting from House Bill No. 4782 of the 87th Legislature.” was repealed by 1998 PA 316, effective Dec. 15, 1998.

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