

**CORRECTIONS CODE OF 1953 (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 232 of 1953**

**791.212 Michigan corrections commission; seal; rules and orders; records and papers as evidence; commission as body corporate; leasing lands and granting easements; availability of certain writings to public.**

Sec. 12. (1) The commission shall devise a seal, and the rules of the commission shall be published over the seal of the commission. All orders of the commission shall be issued over the seal of the commission. A copy of the records and papers in the office of the department, certified by an authorized agent of the commission and authenticated by the seal of the commission, shall be evidence in all cases with the same effect as the originals. A description of the seal, with an impression of the seal, shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state. The commission shall be a body corporate, and may lease lands under its jurisdiction, grant easements over, through, under, or across those lands for a lawful purpose, and do any other act necessary to carry out this act.

(2) A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by the commission in the performance of an official function shall be made available to the public in compliance with Act No. 442 of the Public Acts of 1976, being sections 15.231 to 15.246 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

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