

No. 1990-75

AN ACT

SB 295

Amending the act of August 13, 1963 (P.L.774, No.390), entitled "An act authorizing courts to permit certain prisoners to leave jail during reasonable and necessary hours for occupational, scholastic or medical purposes; conferring powers and imposing duties upon courts, county commissioners and sheriffs and other persons in charge of a jail or workhouse," deleting gender specific language; and authorizing the collection of confinement costs in cases relating to prisoners confined only during weekends or short periods of time.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 1 of the act of August 13, 1963 (P.L.774, No.390), referred to as the County Jail Prisoner Temporary Release Law, amended December 10, 1974 (P.L.824, No.273), is amended to read:

Section 1. Whenever any person has been sentenced to undergo imprisonment in a county jail or workhouse, hereafter referred to as a jail, for a term of less than five years the court, at the time of sentence or at any time thereafter upon application made therefor, may by order direct the sheriff, prison keeper, jail keeper, warden or other administrative head of a jail to permit the prisoner to leave the jail during necessary and reasonable hours for the purpose of working at his employment, conducting his own business or other self-employed occupation, including **[in the case of a woman]** house-keeping and attending to the needs of **[her]** family, seeking employment, attendance at an educational institution, securing medical treatment or such other lawful purposes as the court shall consider necessary and appropriate. The order of court may be rescinded or modified at any time with or without notice to the prisoner.

Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

Section 6. The county prison board, or where applicable the county commissioners, may, by resolution which shall establish rates and qualifications, authorize the warden, sheriff or other person in charge of the jail to collect a reasonable amount from prisoners incarcerated only on weekends or other short periods each week.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 9th day of July, A. D. 1990.

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