
By: **Chairman, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request -
Departmental - Public Safety and Correctional Services)**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Correctional Facilities - Release from Confinement**

3 FOR the purpose of clarifying the law relating to the release of inmates from State
4 correctional facilities when the scheduled release date falls on a Saturday,
5 Sunday, or legal holiday; and generally relating to the release of inmates from
6 State correctional facilities.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Correctional Services
9 Section 9-609
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1999 Volume and 2002 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article - Correctional Services**

15 9-609.

16 (A) Whenever a date of release from confinement in a State correctional
17 facility is a Sunday or legal holiday, the inmate shall be released on the preceding day.

18 (B) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, WHEN A DATE OF
19 RELEASE FROM CONFINEMENT IS A SATURDAY, SUNDAY, OR LEGAL HOLIDAY, THE
20 DIVISION OF CORRECTION AND THE PATUXENT INSTITUTION SHALL RELEASE THE
21 INMATE ON THE FIRST PRECEDING DAY THAT IS NOT A SATURDAY, SUNDAY, OR
22 LEGAL HOLIDAY.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 October 1, 2003.