

CHAPTER 215

(Senate Bill 186)

AN ACT concerning

Correctional Facilities – Released Inmates – Identification Cards

FOR the purpose of requiring the Commissioner of Correction to issue an identification card that meets certain requirements to an inmate before release from a certain State correctional facility; requiring the Commissioner of Correction to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to identification cards for released inmates.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Correctional Services
Section 9–609
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Correctional Services
Section 9–609.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

Article – Correctional Services

9–609.

(a) Whenever a date of release from confinement in a State correctional facility is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the inmate shall be released on the first preceding day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday.

(b) The Commissioner **OF CORRECTION** shall adopt regulations:

(1) establishing a release plan for inmates upon release from confinement in a State correctional facility to help identify resources to assist inmates following release, including the provision of transportation from the facility for an inmate upon release; **AND**

(2) IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF § 9-609.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE CONCERNING ISSUANCE OF AN IDENTIFICATION CARD TO INMATES ON RELEASE FROM CONFINEMENT IN A STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.

9-609.1.

(A) THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTION SHALL ISSUE AN IDENTIFICATION CARD TO AN INMATE BEFORE RELEASE FROM CONFINEMENT IN A STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.

(B) THE IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SECONDARY IDENTIFICATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF AN IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUED BY THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION UNDER § 12-301 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2009.

Approved by the Governor, May 7, 2009.