



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 7186

LCO No. 3877



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING INMATE FURLOUGHS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 18-101a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

3 [The] (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the
4 Commissioner of Correction, at the commissioner's discretion, may
5 extend the limits of the place of confinement of an inmate as to whom
6 there is reasonable belief he or she will honor his or her trust, by
7 authorizing the inmate under prescribed conditions to visit a
8 specifically designated place or places, within or without the state, for
9 periods not exceeding forty-five days and return to the same or
10 another institution or facility. Such periods may be renewed at the
11 discretion of the commissioner. Such furlough may be granted only to
12 permit a visit to a dying relative, attendance at the funeral of a relative,
13 the obtaining of medical services not otherwise available, the
14 contacting of prospective employers or for any compelling reason
15 consistent with rehabilitation. Any inmate who fails to return from
16 furlough as provided in the furlough agreement shall be guilty of the

17 crime of escape in the first degree.

18 (b) In the case of an inmate serving a term of imprisonment for a
19 serious felony offense, as defined in section 54-82t, the commissioner
20 may only grant such inmate a furlough pursuant to subsection (a) of
21 this section for the purpose of obtaining medical services not otherwise
22 available.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	18-101a

Statement of Purpose:

To limit the circumstances under which a serious felony offender may be granted an inmate furlough.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]