

CHAPTER 643

WORK FARMS

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643.01 TRANSFER OF PRISONERS BETWEEN JAIL AND WORKHOUSE.

In any county of this state in which there is now or shall be hereafter maintained by any county or by any city and county, a workhouse, correctional or work farm for the confinement of criminal offenders, and a county jail, any district court or county court judge of the judicial district in which the county is situated, shall have the power, either of his own motion, or on the application of the county attorney of the county, in accordance with written county policy approved by the commissioner of corrections, to order:

(1) any prisoner who shall be confined in the county jail under sentence, to be transferred and recommitted to the workhouse, correctional or work farm at hard labor, for the remainder of the term for which sentenced; or

(2) any prisoner who shall be confined in the workhouse, correctional or work farm under sentence, to be transferred and recommitted to the county jail for the remainder of the term for which sentenced; or

(3) any prisoner who shall be confined in the county jail, convicted and awaiting sentence, to be transferred to and confined in the workhouse, correctional or work farm while awaiting sentence.

Transferred prisoners are subject to the rules and discipline of the confining institution. Transportation of prisoners is the responsibility of the sending institution.

History: 1917 c 20 s 1; 1980 c 602 s 15 (10907)

643.02 PROCEDURE OF DISTRICT COURT OR COUNTY COURT JUDGE IN CHARGE AND DUTY OF SHERIFF.

When any district court or county court judge shall make an order for the transfer of any prisoner as provided in section 643.01, the order shall be made in duplicate by the judge, shall recite therein the name of the court by which the prisoner was sentenced or convicted, the date of sentence or conviction, the general nature of the offense for which sentenced or convicted, the length of the original sentence and the length of the sentence still remaining or the sentencing date if known, and any other facts that will furnish material information regarding the case, and shall direct the superintendent or other keeper of the workhouse, correctional or work farm, or sheriff or other keeper of the county jail to safely keep the prisoner at hard labor for the remainder of the original term of sentence, or until further sentencing proceedings, as stated in the order, unless otherwise released according to law, or the parole rules and regulations of the workhouse, correctional or work farm, or county jail. Both of the orders for transfer of the prisoner to the workhouse, correctional or work farm, or county jail shall be filed forthwith with the sheriff or other keeper of the jail, or superintendent or other keeper of the workhouse, correctional or work farm and the sheriff or other keeper of the jail, or superintendent or other keeper of the workhouse, correctional or work farm shall thereupon retain one of the orders of transfer and shall without delay transfer the prisoner named in the order and deliver him or her, together with the other of the duplicate

orders for the transfer of the prisoner to the superintendent or other keeper of the workhouse, correctional or work farm, or sheriff or other keeper of the jail, who shall retain the order and safely keep the prisoner named therein for the remainder of the sentence at hard labor or until further sentencing proceedings, as specified in the order, unless otherwise released as hereinbefore provided. The order for transfer of any prisoner, as hereinbefore mentioned, shall have the same force and effect as the writ of commitment issued by the court which sentenced the prisoner in the first instance or as the order for confinement issued by the court in the first instance, and in addition shall be full authority for the holding and keeping of the prisoner by the superintendent or other keeper of the workhouse, correctional or work farm, or the sheriff or other keeper of the jail, and for his apprehension by any peace officer in case of the escape of the prisoner from the workhouse, correctional or work farm, or county jail. On the request of any district court or county court judge of the district in which the workhouse, correctional or work farm, and county jail are located, the sheriff of the county, or superintendent, shall without delay furnish a copy to the judge of any commitment or order in his possession.

History: 1917 c 20 s 2; 1980 c 602 s 16 (10908)

- 643.03 [Repealed, 1980 c 602 s 19]
- 643.04 [Repealed, 1980 c 602 s 19]
- 643.05 [Repealed, 1980 c 602 s 19]
- 643.06 [Repealed, 1980 c 602 s 19]
- 643.07 [Repealed, 1980 c 602 s 19]
- 643.08 [Repealed, 1980 c 602 s 19]
- 643.09 [Repealed, 1980 c 602 s 19]
- 643.10 [Repealed, 1980 c 602 s 19]
- 643.11 [Repealed, 1980 c 602 s 19]
- 643.12 [Repealed, 1980 c 602 s 19]
- 643.13 [Repealed, 1980 c 602 s 19]
- 643.14 [Repealed, 1980 c 602 s 19]
- 643.15 [Repealed, 1980 c 602 s 19]
- 643.16 [Repealed, 1980 c 602 s 19]
- 643.17 [Repealed, 1980 c 602 s 19]
- 643.18 [Repealed, 1963 c 753 art 2 s 17]
- 643.19 [Repealed, 1980 c 602 s 19]
- 643.20 [Repealed, 1980 c 602 s 19]
- 643.21-643.28 MS 1945 [Repealed, 1980 c 602 s 19]

643.29 DIMINUTION OF SENTENCE.

Subdivision 1. **“Good conduct” allowance.** Any person sentenced for a term to any county jail, workhouse, or correctional work farm shall diminish the term of the sentence five days for each month, commencing on the day of arrival, during which the person has not violated any rule or discipline of the place wherein the person is incarcerated and, if required to labor, has labored with diligence and fidelity.

Subd. 2. **Enforcement.** Any jailer, workhouse or correctional work farm superintendent, or person similarly in custody of persons incarcerated as set forth in subdivision 1 may, pursuant to a prisoner discipline plan, take away any or all of the reduction in sentence previously gained by good conduct, and in consideration of mitigating circumstances, may afterwards restore him in whole or in part, to the standing he possessed before the reduction in sentence was taken away.

History: 1947 c 130 s 1; 1980 c 602 s 17; 1982 c 527 s 3