

SENATE BILL NO. 1254

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR RAZER.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapter 217, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to documents for inmates prior to release from a correctional center.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 217, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto
2 one new section, to be known as section 217.1300, to read as
3 follows:

217.1300. 1. When any inmate shall be discharged from
2 a term of imprisonment for a felony offense and the intended
3 residence designated by the inmate is within this state, the
4 department of corrections shall provide the inmate with
5 relevant documentation prior to release from a correctional
6 center in order to assist the inmate in obtaining post-
7 release employment, including a birth certificate, Social
8 Security card, and state identification.

9 2. (1) Within nine months prior to the release of an
10 inmate from a correctional center, the department of
11 corrections, in coordination with the department of revenue,
12 shall identify whether the inmate has a current form of
13 state identification and begin the process of gathering the
14 source documents, as defined in section 302.170, necessary
15 to apply for a driver's license or nondriver's
16 identification card in accordance with chapter 302. The
17 department of revenue shall allow the department of

18 corrections to issue a letter to serve as a valid form of
19 proof of residency to obtain a state identification card.

20 (2) State identification cards issued with a letter
21 from the department of corrections for inmates shall be
22 valid for a period of four years from the month of issuance
23 for an allowable fee to be determined by the department of
24 revenue and are nonrenewable and nontransferable.

25 (3) The provisions of this section shall apply only to
26 inmates who are eligible to receive a state identification
27 card pursuant to chapter 302.

28 3. For purposes of assisting an inmate in obtaining
29 post-release employment, the department of corrections shall
30 provide the inmate with the following documentation:

31 (1) A copy of the vocational training record of the
32 inmate, if applicable;

33 (2) A copy of the work record of the inmate, if
34 applicable;

35 (3) A certified copy of the birth certificate of the
36 inmate, if obtainable;

37 (4) A Social Security card or a replacement Social
38 Security card of the inmate, if obtainable;

39 (5) A resume that includes any trade learned by the
40 inmate and the proficiency at that trade by the inmate;

41 (6) Documentation that the inmate has completed a
42 practice job interview;

43 (7) A notification to the inmate if he or she is
44 eligible to apply for a license from a state entity charged
45 with oversight of an occupational license or certification;
46 and

47 (8) Documentation of regional resources, including
48 housing, transportation, and employment opportunities.

49 4. The following categories of inmates are not
50 required to complete resumes or practice job interviews
51 prior to their release from incarceration:

- 52 (1) Inmates sixty-five years of age or older;
53 (2) Inmates releasing to medical parole or discharging
54 from a prison infirmary setting;
55 (3) Inmates releasing to the custody of another
56 jurisdiction on a warrant or detainer; and
57 (4) Inmates that the department determines would be
58 physically or mentally unable to return to the workforce
59 upon release from incarceration.

60 5. The department of corrections shall have the
61 authority to promulgate rules regarding the implementation
62 of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that
63 term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under
64 the authority delegated in this section shall become
65 effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of
66 the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section
67 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and
68 if any of the powers vested with the general assembly
69 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective
70 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently
71 held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking
72 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28,
73 2024, shall be invalid and void.

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