



# Prison Act 1952

## 1952 CHAPTER 52

### *Discharged prisoners*

#### **29 Notification of address by discharged prisoners**

- (1) Where an order has been made under section twenty-two of the Criminal Justice Act, 1948 (which, as amended by this Act, requires a court in certain circumstances to order that a person shall for a period of twelve months be subject to the provisions of this section)—
  - (a) the offender shall, on his next discharge from prison and thereafter from time to time, inform the appointed society of his address in accordance with such instructions as may be given to him by or on behalf of the society;
  - (b) if the offender fails to comply to the satisfaction of the appointed society with the aforesaid requirement to notify his address on his discharge, the society shall, and if he subsequently fails to keep the society informed of his address to their satisfaction the society may, give notice by registered post of the failure to the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, and shall use their best endeavours to inform the offender that the notice has been given;and as from the date on which any such notice has been given as aforesaid, the provisions of the First Schedule to this Act shall apply to the offender.
- (2) It shall be the duty of the governor of a prison on the discharge from prison of an offender against whom an order has been made under the said section twenty-two to serve upon him a notice stating the effect of the order.
- (3) The Secretary of State may by a direction in writing relieve an offender against whom an order has been made under the said section twenty-two of any requirement of this section or of the First Schedule to this Act; and any such direction may be made conditional upon the observance of such requirements as may be specified therein; and the Secretary of State may, if he is satisfied that any requirement so imposed has been contravened, cancel the direction.
- (4) In this section the expression " the appointed society" means a society appointed by the Prison Commissioners for the purposes of this section, being a society approved

by the Secretary of State; and the Prison Commissioners may appoint a society either to act in all cases or to act in such cases or classes of cases as they may direct.

**30 Certification of Discharged Prisoners Aid Societies**

- (1) The Secretary of State may, after examining the rules of any society formed for the purpose of assisting by voluntary subscriptions discharged prisoners and after satisfying himself about the condition of the society, issue a certificate approving the society for the purposes of this Act.
- (2) The Secretary of State may for reasonable cause suspend or revoke any certificate granted by him under this section.

**31 Allowance to discharged prisoner**

When a prisoner is discharged from prison the Prison Commissioners may, on the recommendation of the visiting committee or board of visitors or otherwise, order a sum of money not exceeding two pounds to be paid by the governor to the prisoner or to the treasurer of a society certified under the last preceding section, on the governor receiving from the society an undertaking in writing, signed by the secretary, to apply the money for the benefit of the prisoner.

**32 Expenses of return from prison of discharged prisoner**

When a prisoner is discharged from prison the Prison Commissioners may provide him with the means of returning to his home either by paying his fare or in any other convenient manner; and where the prison from which he is discharged is situated outside the county, borough or place in which he was arrested, the Prison Commissioners shall pay the cost of his return to the place where he was arrested or to the place where he was convicted, whichever is nearer to the prison.