

**§1560. Removal for disease**

The removal of prisoners afflicted with dangerous diseases is governed as follows. [PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. C, §106 (NEW); PL 1989, c. 6 (AMD); PL 1989, c. 9, §2 (AMD); PL 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8, 10 (AMD).]

**1. Removal.** If a prisoner in a jail is afflicted with a disease that the Commissioner of Health and Human Services or the commissioner's designee, by medical advice, considers dangerous to the safety and health of other prisoners or of the inhabitants of the municipality, the commissioner or designee shall, by written order, direct the person's removal to some place of safety, to be securely kept and provided for until the commissioner's or designee's further order.

[PL 2007, c. 598, §13 (AMD).]

**1-A. Transportation; medical care.** A person detained or committed to a jail or correctional facility as a consequence of a violation of a public health measure pursuant to Title 22, section 812 or section 813 or as a consequence of a violation of a prescribed care order pursuant to Title 22, section 820 may be transported by the sheriff or superintendent of the correctional facility for medical care if a court orders the transport. The Department of Health and Human Services shall bear the costs of transportation and the per diem compensation for the accompanying officers.

[PL 2007, c. 359, §2 (NEW).]

**2. Return.** Upon recovering from the disease, the prisoner shall be returned to the place of confinement.

[PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. C, §106 (NEW); PL 1989, c. 6 (AMD); PL 1989, c. 9, §2 (AMD); PL 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8, 10 (AMD).]

**3. Removal not escape.** A removal under this section is not an escape.

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**4. Notice.** If the diseased person was committed to the place of confinement by an order of court or judicial process, the Commissioner of Health and Human Services or the commissioner's designee shall send the following to the office of the clerk of court from which the order or process was issued:

A. The order for the diseased person's removal or a copy of the order attested by the commissioner or designee; and [PL 2007, c. 598, §14 (AMD).]

B. A statement describing the actions taken under the order. [PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. C, §106 (NEW); PL 1989, c. 6 (AMD); PL 1989, c. 9, §2 (AMD); PL 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8, 10 (AMD).]

[PL 2007, c. 598, §14 (AMD).]

**SECTION HISTORY**

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