

# This is the Law



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This is one of a series of articles that will appear each week throughout the next three months. They have been written for the non-lawyer as a public service of the North Carolina Bar Association.

### Punishment For Crimes

What crimes are punishable by death in North Carolina?

Murder in the first degree, burglary in the first degree, rape and arson. These are the so-called "capital crimes."

If at the time of rendering its verdict in open court, the jury shall so recommend, the punishment for any of these crimes may be imprisonment for life in the State prison.

What is an indeterminate sentence?

An indeterminate sentence is one which provides for a minimum and maximum sentence of imprisonment. Such sentences may be given by Superior Court Judges in North Carolina, in their discretion, when sentencing prisoners for a period in excess of twelve months.

The Director of Prisons is authorized to consider at least once in every six months such cases, and to take into consideration the prisoner's conduct, and to authorize his discharge at any time after the service of the minimum time subject to his earned allowance for good conduct.

What is the "work release plan" for prisoners?

The General Assembly of 1957 provided by statute for a so-called "work release plan." Under this plan a prisoner may be released from actual custody during the time necessary to proceed to a place of private employment, perform his work, and return to the quarters designated by the prison authorities. The plan is administered by the State Prison System, as authorized by statute.

The plan can be extended to prisoners only when recommended by the presiding judge and requested by the prisoner in writing, and then only if the defendant has not previously served a term or terms or parts thereof totaling more than six months in jail or other prisons. Furthermore, it is applicable only to

those sentenced for commission of misdemeanors, and not the more serious crimes of felonies.

To date, actually few prisoners have been committed by judges to prison under the work release law. The major explanation is that offenders who qualify are likely to be placed on probation.

How soon after sentencing is one sent to the central prison in Raleigh?

Within five days after the adjournment of the court at which he was sentenced, if no appeal has been taken.

After being processed through the receiving center at the central prison in Raleigh, he may then be sent to one of the 86 field units or 8 prison institutions of the North Carolina Prison System distributed throughout the State. Only about 8 per cent of the total prison population is kept in Raleigh.

Who makes the rules and regulations governing prisoners under the control of the State Prison System?

They are proposed by the Director of Prisons and become effective when approved by the State Prison Commission.

### Surprise

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