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BUREAU OF CORRECTIONS & REHABILITATION

Ministry of Justice Bureau of Corrections & Rehabilitation Directive	Chapter:	ADMINISTRATION
	Section:	CRIMINAL PROCEDURE LAW SECTION 34.20(1)
	Title:	COMPASSIONATE LEAVE REGULATIONS UPDATED
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I. REFERENCE:

- A. Criminal Procedural Law of Liberia, Chapter 34.20(1) of the Criminal Procedure Law ILCR Revised for Persons in Detention

II. POLICY:

The Ministry of Justice Bureau of Corrections & Rehabilitation has updated standards for granting Compassionate Leave Regulations for persons detained in detention facilities under the Bureau of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

1. **The following regulations govern compassionate leave for persons detained in detention facilities under the Bureau of Corrections & Rehabilitation.**

Compassionate leave from prison may be granted by the Minister of Justice in accordance with such general directions as may be from time to time given by the Minister to a prisoner under the following conditions:

- To allow the prisoner to attend the religious service and burial in cases of the death of a close relative;
- To visit a close relative who is ill;
- To allow the prisoner last comfort before death at home with loved ones; and
- To allow leave for any other reason deemed compelling by the Minister.

2. In making a determination as to whether compassionate leave should be granted, the following shall be taken into consideration:

- The seriousness of the crime for which the person is incarcerated;
- Whether the basis of detention is criminal or civil in nature;
- The mental and /or physical health of the detainee;
- The danger the detainee is likely to pose to the community while on leave; and
- The likelihood of escape from custody while on leave.

3. Without prejudice to any order of the Minister pursuant to these regulations, prison leave shall be governed by the following terms:

- In a criminal matter, the detainee/prisoner shall be accompanied by an officer while on leave.
- In a civil matter, the detainee may be released temporally to his/her attorney, his/her relative or on his/her own recognizance.
- The prisoner shall reside at the address specified in the leave permit and return thereto daily at such time as shall be ordered in such permit and, where no time as specified, the prisoner shall not leave his/her residence before 6 a.m. and shall return by 6 p.m.
- The leave period granted shall range anywhere from 24 hours to 30 days, depending on the particular circumstances.
- The prisoner may not leave the village, town or city limits in which he/she resides for the leave purposes without permission from the Bureau of Corrections & Rehabilitation.
- The prisoner shall surrender his/her passport or travel document for the period of the leave.