SENATE BILL No. 142

February 4, 2003, Introduced by Senators BIRKHOLZ, GARCIA, SANBORN, JELINEK, ALLEN, JACOBS, CROPSEY, GOSCHKA and HARDIMAN and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1968 PA 15, entitled "Correctional industries act,"

by amending section 7 (MCL 800.327), as amended by 1996 PA 537.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 7. The department of corrections shall provide as
- 2 fully as practicable for the employment of inmates in tasks
- 3 consistent with the penal and rehabilitative purposes of their
- 4 imprisonment and with the public economy. The types of
- 5 employment shall be as follows:
 - (a) Routine maintenance and operation of correctional
- 7 institutions.
 - (b) Educational and rehabilitation activities, whether formal
- or through productive or socialized activities, determined on the
- 10 basis of individual needs and educability.
 - (c) Productive or maintenance labor on or in connection with

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- 1 the institution farms, or other land rented or leased by the
- 2 department of corrections, factories, shops, or other available
- 3 facilities for the production and distribution of correctional
- 4 industries products and services. In addition to any other type
- 5 of employment provided under this subdivision, inmates shall be
- 6 employed in the production of caskets for the burial of deceased
- 7 indigent persons whose burial is the responsibility of this
- 8 state. The burial caskets shall be provided to the family
- 9 independence agency or to any other state department or agency
- 10 that is responsible for the burial of deceased indigent persons.
- 11 (d) Labor assignments on state public works, ways, or
- 12 properties when and as requisitioned by the governor or on
- 13 county, township, or district roads when requested by the county
- 14 board of commissioners pursuant to section 1 of Act No. 181 of
- 15 the Public Acts of 1911, being section 800.101 of the Michigan
- 16 Compiled Laws 1911 PA 181, MCL 800.101.
- 17 (e) Labor assignments in private manufacturing or service
- 18 enterprises established under section 7a.

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