

Prior law provided that whenever a prisoner sentenced to the parish prison or a prisoner in a parish prison awaiting transfer to a state correctional facility is willing of his own free will to perform manual labor upon any cemetery or graveyard or work in a solid waste recycling program administered by a state agency or political subdivision and approved by the sheriff, the criminal sheriff may set the prisoner to work upon labor determined by the governing authority of the parishes and the municipal authorities of the towns and cities.

New law retains prior law, and adds religious buildings to the list of places upon which a criminal sheriff may set a willing prisoner to work.

New law defines "religious building" as a church, synagogue, mosque, or other building or structure used primarily for religious worship.

Effective upon signature of the governor (May 29, 2013).

(Amends R.S. 15:708(A)(2))