

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Simpson of Standish.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FOUR

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**AN ACT Relating to Deductions from Sentences of Inmates in County Jails.**

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., T. 34, § 952, amended. Section 952 of Title 34 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

§ 952. Deductions from sentence

Each ~~convict inmate~~, who, in the opinion of the sheriff, has faithfully observed all the rules and requirements of the jail, shall be entitled to a deduction of ~~2~~ 3 days a month from the term of his sentence, commencing on the first day of his arrival at the jail. An additional ~~one day~~ 3 days a month may be deducted from the sentence of those ~~convicts inmates~~ who are assigned duties outside the jail, or those ~~convicts inmates~~ within the jail who are assigned to work deemed by the sheriff to be of sufficient importance and responsibility to warrant such deduction. This section shall apply to the sentences of all ~~convicts inmates~~ now or hereafter confined within the jail.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The extra 3 days per month requested will not affect the sentence to any great extent. The purpose of the increase in good time and additional time for working in the jail is to encourage inmate assistance in the maintenance of the jail.

There has been no change in this section with reference to time off for good behavior since 1961. However, 4 years ago the daily rate of credit for fines was increased from \$1 to \$5 dollars per day, thereby eliminating the automatic 30 days' sentence for nonpayment of fine.