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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1058, L.D. 1308,
Bill, "AN ACT to Increase the Good Time Deduction."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of the title and inserting in its place the following: 'AN ACT to Increase the Gain Time Deduction.'

Further amend the Bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1253, sub-§3-A, 2nd sentence, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 510, §81, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §1253, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 499, §1, is amended to read:

4. An additional 2 3 days a month may be deducted in the case of those who are assigned duties outside the institution, including public restitution activities for state, county or local government agencies or nonprofit organizations, or who are assigned to work within the institution which is deemed to be of sufficient importance and responsibility to warrant such deduction.

Sec. 3. Application. The increase of one day in deductible time enacted by section 2 of this Act shall only apply to work performed on and after January 1, 1980.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment removes the increases in "good time" in the bill and replaces it with increases in "gain time." "Good time"

is awarded for faithful observation of all of the prisons rules, while "gain time" is assigned for work outside the institution or important and responsible work inside it. "Gain time" is awarded for positions designated by the authorities as appropriate. The amendment also expressly states that public restitution work for state, county or local government agencies or nonprofit organizations may be included in work outside the institution. The /^{amendment} also makes clear that the increase in gain time will only apply to work performed after January 1, 1980. Finally, the amendment includes the bill provision that removes the requirement of monthly posting of reductions. These records will still be kept, but will not be posted.

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