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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "**B**" 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 Good Time and Gain Time Deductions.'

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, as amended by PL 1977,
c. 510, §80, is further amended to read:

3. Each person sentenced, before January 1, 1978, to
imprisonment for more than 6 months whose record of conduct
shows that he has observed all the rules and requirements of the
institution in which he has been imprisoned shall be entitled
to a deduction of ~~10~~ 12 days a month from his sentence,
commencing, in the case of all such convicted persons, on the
first day of his delivery into the custody of the department.

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enacted by PL 1977, c. 510, §81, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 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. 4. Application. The increase in **deductible** time enacted by sections 1 and 3 of this Act shall only apply to time served or work performed on and after January 1, 1980.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment provides for an increase in "good time" of 2 days rather/ than 3 days as in the original bill. It also increases "gain time" by one day. "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 increases in good time and gain time will only apply to time served or work performed after January 1, 1980. Finally, the amendment includes the bill provision that removes the requirement of monthly posting of reductions.

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