

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, March 19, 1979

On Motion of Mr. Hobbins of Saco, referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Fowlie of Rockland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Increase the Good Time Deduction.**

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

**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~~ 13 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 as enacted by PL 1977, c. 510, § 81, is amended to read:

3-A. Each person sentenced, on or after January 1, 1978, to imprisonment for more than 6 months shall earn a reduction of ~~10~~ 13 days from his sentence for each month during which he has faithfully observed all the rules and requirements of the institution in which he has been imprisoned. ~~Each month the supervising officer of each institution shall cause to be posted a list of all such persons who have earned reductions from their sentences during the previous month. If any~~

~~such person does not earn all of his reduction from his sentence in any month, a notation of such action shall be entered on a cumulative record of such actions in the person's permanent file~~

**Sec. 3. 17-A MRSA § 1253, sub-§ 3-B, last sentence, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 671, § 32, is repealed.**

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The bill increases from 10 to 13 days a month the amount of time which may be deducted from a person's prison sentence for good behavior. This applies only to sentences of more than 6 months and continues to preserve the distinction between those sentenced before and after January 1, 1978. There is no change in the good time reduction for those serving sentences of less than 6 months. It also removes the requirement of posting the reductions each month.