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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 340

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7 H.P. 270

House of Representatives, February 1, 1985

8 Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

9 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

10 Presented by Representative Michaud of Medway.

Cosponsored by Representative Ridley of Shapleigh, Representative
Paradis of Augusta and Representative Allen of Washington.

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12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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17 AN ACT Concerning Good Time for Persons
18 Convicted of Murder.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1253, sub-§3, as amended by
23 PL 1983, c. 456, §3, is further amended to read:

24 3. Beginning October 1, 1983, each person sen-
25 tenced, to imprisonment for more than 6 months, ex-
26 cept a person sentenced pursuant to section 1251,
27 shall be entitled to receive a deduction of 10 days
28 per month calculated from the first day of his deliv-
29 ery into the custody of the department, to include
30 the full length of the unsuspended portion of his
31 sentence, for observing all the rules of the depart-
32 ment and institution, except this provision shall not
33 apply to the suspended portion of a person's sentence
34 pursuant to split sentences under section 1203. All
35 persons committed to the custody of the Department of
36 Corrections prior to the effective date of this sub-

1 section shall have these provisions applied
2 prospectively to the portion of their sentences re-
3 maining to be served.

4 Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §1253, §4, as repealed and
5 replaced by PL 1983, c. 456, §6, is amended to read:

6 4. Up to an additional 3 days per month may be
7 deducted in the case of those inmates committed to
8 the Maine State Prison, the Maine Correctional Center
9 or assigned elsewhere by the Department of Correc-
10 tions, who are assigned work and responsibilities
11 within the institution or program which are deemed to
12 be of sufficient importance to warrant those deduc-
13 tions by the institution head in accordance with pol-
14 icy and guidelines established by the Department of
15 Corrections. This subsection shall not apply to per-
16 sons sentenced under section 1251.

17 STATEMENT OF FACT

18 The purpose of this bill is to provide that per-
19 sons sentenced for murder shall not be eligible for
20 deduction of "good-time" from their sentence.

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