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H. P. 1578

House of Representatives, March 10, 1933.

Reported by Mr. Fogg from Committee on State Prison and laid on table to be printed under Joint Rules.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

New Draft of H. P. 1157, L. D. 604.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE

AN ACT Relative to Reduction Sentence Convicts in State Prison.

Emergency Preamble. Whereas, there are many prisoners who are now entitled to parole under the law except for the provisions that requires that employment be ready for them on their release, and

Whereas, this condition prevents their release on parole and causes a crowded condition in the prison that is dangerous to the health and discipline of the inmates, and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of section 16 of Article XXXI of the constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, now, therefore,

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

R. S., c. 152, § 20, amended. Section 20 of chapter 152 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 20. Warden shall keep a record of each convict's conduct, and recommend a deduction of sentence. He shall keep a record of the conduct of each convict, and for every month, during which it thereby appears that such convict has faithfully observed all the rules and requirements of the prison, the warden may ~~recommend to the executive~~ **make, with the ap-**

proval of the commissioner, a deduction of 7 days from the **minimum term** of said convict's sentence, except those sentenced to imprisonment for life. **The provisions of this section shall apply to the sentences of all convicts now or hereafter confined within the prison.'**

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency recited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.