

HB 15

"An Act relating to credits toward a sentence of imprisonment and to good time deductions."

Bill Language

► Pretrial

- AS 12.55.027 (d): A court *shall* [~~may not~~] grant credit against a sentence of imprisonment for time spent in a private residence or under electronic monitoring.

► Good Time Deductions

- AS 33.20.010(c) A prisoner *shall* [~~may not~~] be awarded of a good time deduction for any period spent in a treatment program, private residence, or while under electronic monitoring.

Purpose of Electronic Monitoring Program



- ▶ Electronic Monitoring program allows individuals who meet certain requirements to serve time at home
- ▶ Individuals can maintain employment, access community-based treatment, perform community work service, and address medical issues

Electronic Monitoring Minimum Requirements

1. Release date is less than three years.
2. No current or prior sex offense related convictions.
3. No current domestic violence related convictions.
4. Reside in and work in the Anchorage, Fairbanks, Girdwood, Kenai, Ketchikan, Mat-Su or Sitka areas.
5. Land-line phone with basic service and long distance carrier
6. Must be able to provide a "clean" urine sample (no prescription narcotics or street drugs).
7. No weapons, alcohol, or controlled substances in the home.

DOC Electronic Monitoring Coverage Areas



- ▶ **Fairbanks**
(907) 458-6830
Coverage area: Fairbanks
- ▶ **Wildwood Correctional Center**
(907) 260-7200
Coverage area: Kenai
- ▶ **Ketchikan Correctional Center**
(907) 228-7350
Coverage area: Ketchikan
- ▶ **Sitka Police Department**
(907) 747-3349
Coverage area: Sitka
- ▶ **Anchorage**
(907) 269-0927
Coverage area: Anchorage, Girdwood, & Mat-Su

Electronic Monitoring Devices Utilized by DOC

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- ▶ **BI TAD electronic monitoring device**
 - ▶ Ankle-worn continuous alcohol monitoring technology
 - ▶ Device measures offender alcohol use by monitoring vaporous or insensible perspiration passed through the skin of the ankle
- ▶ **DOC contracts with BI Inc.**
 - ▶ DOC has contract with BI Inc., allowing access to full line of technology
 - ▶ BI Inc. largest provider EM technology in the world

BI Incorporated Alaska Offices

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▶ **Anchorage - Cordova**

130 Cordova Street,
(907) 274-1022

▶ **Bethel**

680 Ridgecrest,
(907) 543-3414

▶ **Anchorage - Midtown**

2508 Margies Place,
(907) 222-6502

▶ **Fairbanks**

3022 Parks Highway,
(907) 443-6390

▶ **Anchorage- Parkview**

831 B Street,
(907) 272-1641

▶ **Nome**

237 Front Street,
(907) 443-6390

Participation in the DOC Electronic Monitoring Program

- ▶ In FY 2014 a total of 2,034 individuals participated in DOC Electronic Monitoring Program
 - ▶ Participants served a total of 134,585 days
 - ▶ Average of 66 days per individual
 - ▶ If Good Time Deductions were provided to the FY 2014 participants it would have reduced the participant days by 44,862

Potential Cost Savings per Individual

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Cost evaluation of incarceration and electronic monitoring program per individual				
		Daily costs	Weekly costs	Yearly costs
Incarceration	A	\$158.67	\$1,110.69	\$57,914.55
Electronic Monitoring	B	\$22.68	\$158.76	\$7,672.30
Potential Cost Savings	C	\$135.99	\$951.93	\$50,242.25
<u>Source:</u> DOC 2015 Recidivism Reduction Plan; and Sherrie Daigle (DOC)				

- A. Incarceration cost estimates for institutions per day in prison / jail
- B. Electronic Monitoring cost estimate calculated using average daily cost of passive electronic monitoring of \$22.68 with all costs waived (typically DOC collects \$14 from participants)
- C. Potential cost savings if electronic monitoring time substituted for incarceration

Potential Cost Savings

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Potential cost savings if electronic monitoring time substituted for incarceration under good time deductions AS 33.20.010

	Offenders	Total days served	Total days saved on good time credit	Potential Department Savings
FY2014 enrollment in EM program	2,034	134,585	44,862	\$12,201,431
10% increase in EM program use	2,237	148,044	49,348	\$13,421,669
15% increase in EM program use	2,339	154,773	51,591	\$14,031,720
20% increase in EM program use	2,441	161,502	53,834	\$14,641,771
25% increase in EM program use	2,543	168,231	56,077	\$15,251,822

- A. Daily savings of Electronic Monitoring substitution for incarceration with all cost waived. (\$135.99 per day)
- B. Approximately one-third of offenders serving more than 30 days are paying a reduced fee or the fee is waived based upon income and debts

Electronic Monitoring Devices and Recidivism

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- ▶ State of Alaska, Department of Corrections defines Recidivism as:
 - ▶ A convicted felon returns to incarceration for any offense conviction - including Misdemeanor & Parole/Probation Violation - within 3 years of release.
- ▶ National Institute of Justice Report
 - ▶ Electronic monitoring research shows significant decreases in the failure rate for offenders
 - ▶ Reduction of 31 percent, and significant reduction across all age groups and offenses

State of Alaska Recidivism Rates

	General Recidivism	EM Recidivism	General Recidivism less EM Recidivism
FY 2011	63.19%	22.62%	56.27%
FY 2010	63.54%	18.69%	55.36%
FY 2009	64.57%	23.85%	57.86%
FY 2008	64.15%	21.41%	58.07%
FY 2007	66.03%	30.54%	60.14%

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- ▶ BI TAD proven effective in Alaska
 - ▶ 90 % of Alaska's offenders/inmates have alcohol or illegal drugs involved in their crimes
 - ▶ 18 % recidivism rate for offenders who served their entire sentence on the EM program and were released time served

Conclusions

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- ▶ State can save a lot of money
 - ▶ If program was utilized by individuals already enrolled in electronic monitoring during FY 2014; state would save over \$12 million
 - ▶ If there was an increase usage, the potential savings could be over \$15 million
- ▶ Electronic monitoring has proven to be effective in Alaska
 - ▶ Electronic monitoring has been successfully tested in Anchorage, Kotzebue, Bethel, Palmer / Wasilla, Fairbanks, and Nome
- ▶ Reductions in recidivism rates
 - ▶ Alaska electronic monitoring program has reduced recidivism rates for enrolled individuals (18% recidivism rate)