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IN THE HOUSE

BY JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 320

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act providing for the grant of good time to prisoners conducting themselves according to rules of prison facilities and for good time; providing for the discharge of persons earning good time; providing for the release of a prisoner as on parole, for the forfeiture of good time earned, and for the restoration of forfeited good time; and providing for an effective date."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

Section 1. COMPUTATION GENERALLY. Each prisoner convicted of an offense against the State of Alaska and confined in a penal or correctional institution for a definite term other than for life, whose record of conduct shows that he has faithfully observed all the rules and has not been subject to punishment, shall be entitled to a deduction from the term of his sentence beginning with the day on which the sentence commences to run, as follows:

- a. Five days for each month, if the sentence is not less than six months and not more than one year.
- b. Six days for each month, if the sentence is more than one year and less than three years.
- c. Seven days for each month, if the sentence is not less than three years and less than five years.

1 d. Eight days for each month, if the sentence is not
2 less than five years and less than ten years.

3 e. Ten days for each month, if the sentence is ten
4 years or more.

5 When two or more consecutive sentences are to be served, the
6 aggregate of the several sentences shall be the basis upon which
7 the deduction shall be computed.

8 Sec. 2. GOOD TIME. A prisoner may, in the discretion of
9 the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Welfare or his
10 designee, be allowed a deduction from his sentence of not to
11 exceed three days for each month of actual employment in a prison
12 or camp project or activity for the first year or any part thereof,
13 and not to exceed five days for each month of any succeeding year
14 or part thereof.

15 In the discretion of the said Commissioner such allowance
16 may also be made to a prisoner performing exceptionally meritorious
17 service or performing duties of outstanding importance in con-
18 nection with institutional operations.

19 Such allowance shall be in addition to commutation of time
20 for good conduct, and under the same terms and conditions and
21 without regard to length of sentence.

22 Sec. 3. DISCHARGE. A prisoner shall be released at the
23 expiration of his term of sentence less the time deducted for good
24 conduct. A certificate of such deduction shall be entered on the
25 commitment by the warden, keeper, or the said Commissioner.

26 Sec. 4. RELEASED PRISONER AS PAROLEE. A prisoner having
27 served the term or terms for which he was sentenced less good
28 time deductions, shall be released unconditionally if there remains
29 less than one hundred and eighty days to serve under his sentence.

1 If there remains more than one hundred and eighty days to serve
2 under his sentence a prisoner, upon release, shall be deemed as
3 if released on parole until the expiration of the maximum term or
4 terms for which he was sentenced less one hundred and eighty days.

5 This section shall not prevent delivery of a prisoner to the
6 authorities of any state or the United States otherwise entitled
7 to his custody.

8 Sec. 5. FORFEITURE FOR OFFENSE. If during the term of
9 imprisonment a prisoner commits any offense or violates the rules
10 of the institution, all or any part of his earned good time may
11 be forfeited.

12 Sec. 6. RESTORATION OF LOST GOOD TIME. The said Commissioner
13 may restore any forfeited or lost good time or such portion
14 thereof as he deems proper upon recommendation of the keeper or
15 person in charge of the penal or correctional institution in which
16 the prisoner is incarcerated.

17 Sec. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act shall take effect on the
18 day after its passage and approval or on the day it becomes law
19 without approval.