



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 7133

January Session, 2017



AN ACT CONCERNING GOOD TIME CREDITS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 18-7a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) [and (c)] to (d), inclusive,
4 of this section, any person sentenced to a term of imprisonment, on
5 and after October 1, 1976, and while still serving such sentence
6 whether such sentence is for a definite, indefinite or indeterminate
7 term, and regardless of the institution wherein the prisoner is confined
8 may, by good conduct and obedience to the rules which have been
9 established for the service of his sentence, earn a commutation or
10 diminution of his sentence in the amount of ten days for each month,
11 and pro rata for a part of a month, of a sentence which is for not more
12 than five years, and fifteen days for each month, and pro rata for a part
13 of a month, for the sixth and each subsequent year of a sentence of
14 more than five years. In the case of an indeterminate sentence, such
15 credit shall apply to both the minimum and maximum term. In the
16 case of an indefinite sentence, such credit shall apply to the maximum
17 term only. Any act of misconduct or refusal to obey the rules which
18 have been established for the service of his sentence shall subject the
19 prisoner to the loss of all or any portion of such credit by the
20 commissioner or his designee.

21 (b) Except as provided in [subsection (c)] subsections (c) and (d) of
22 this section, any person sentenced to a term of imprisonment for an
23 offense committed on or after July 1, 1981, may, while held in default
24 of bond or while serving such sentence, by good conduct and
25 obedience to the rules which have been established for the service of
26 his sentence, earn a reduction of his sentence in the amount of ten days
27 for each month and pro rata for a part of a month of a sentence up to
28 five years, and twelve days for each month and pro rata for a part of a
29 month for the sixth and each subsequent year of a sentence which is
30 more than five years. Misconduct or refusal to obey the rules which
31 have been established for the service of his sentence shall subject the
32 prisoner to the loss of all or any portion of such reduction by the
33 commissioner or his designee.

34 (c) [Any] Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, any
35 person sentenced to a term of imprisonment for an offense committed
36 on or after July 1, 1983, may, while held in default of bond or while
37 serving such sentence, by good conduct and obedience to the rules
38 which have been established for the service of his sentence, earn a
39 reduction of his sentence as such sentence is served in the amount of
40 ten days for each month served and pro rata for a part of a month
41 served of a sentence up to five years, and twelve days for each month
42 served and pro rata for a part of a month served for the sixth and each
43 subsequent year of a sentence which is more than five years.
44 Misconduct or refusal to obey the rules which have been established
45 for the service of his sentence shall subject the prisoner to the loss of all
46 or any portion of such reduction by the commissioner or his designee.
47 In the event a prisoner has not yet earned sufficient good time to
48 satisfy the good time loss, such lost good time shall be deducted from
49 any good time earned in the future by such prisoner.

50 (d) On and after the effective date of this section, no person may
51 earn good time pursuant to this section. Any good time earned
52 previous to the effective date of this section may be used to reduce a
53 person's sentence in accordance with subsection (a), (b) or (c) of this

54 section, as applicable, except as may be lost pursuant to the provisions
55 of this section. Nothing in this subsection shall invalidate the release or
56 parole release of any person pursuant to a sentence reduction earned
57 prior to the effective date of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	18-7a

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Subsec. (d), "except as may be lost pursuant to subsection (c) of this section." was replaced with "except as may be lost pursuant to the provisions of this section." for accuracy.

JUD *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*