

## A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO EQUALIZE THE GOOD TIME THAT MAY BE EARNED BY CONVICTS AT THE PENITENTIARIES; AMENDATORY OF SECTION 4754 OF THE CODE, AND OF CHAPTER 43 OF THE GENERAL AND PUBLIC LAWS OF THE FOURTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, CHAPTER 40 OF THE ACTS OF THE SIXTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND CHAPTER 187 OF THE ACTS OF THE SEVENTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That the deputy warden of the penitentiary of the state at Fort Madison, and the warden of the additional penitentiary at Anamosa, shall each keep a book in which shall be entered a record of every infraction by a prisoner of the published rules of discipline, with the name of the prisoner guilty. Every prisoner sentenced to either of said penitentiaries for a term of years, or less, who shall have, at the end of the first month, no infraction of discipline recorded against him, shall be entitled to a diminution of one day from the time he was sentenced to such penitentiary, and if at the end of the second month no infraction of the rules be recorded against him, he shall be entitled to two additional days of diminution from his sentence; and if he shall continue to have no such record against him for the third month, his time shall be shortened three additional days; and if he shall so continue to have no such record against him for the fourth month, his time shall be shortened four additional days; and if he shall so continue for subsequent months, he shall be entitled to five days' diminution of time from his sentence for each month he shall so continue his good behavior; and if any prisoner shall so pass the whole term of his service, he shall be entitled to a certificate thereof from the warden, and upon presentation thereof to the governor, he shall be entitled to a restoration of the rights of citizenship that may have been forfeited by his conviction and sentence; and it shall be the duty of the warden to discharge such convict from such penitentiary when he shall have served the time of his service less the number of days he may be entitled to have deducted therefrom, in the same manner as if no such deduction had been made.

SEC. 2. This act shall not be construed so as to increase the good time earned by prisoners in the penitentiary of the state at Fort Madison prior to the act going into effect: *pro-*

3 *vided, however,* that prisoners transferred to said penitentiary from the additional penitentiary  
4 at Anamosa shall be entitled to the same allowance for good time that they would have been  
5 allowed at said additional penitentiary.

SEC. 3. Section 4754 of the Code is amended by striking therefrom all after the word  
2 “day,” in the tenth line thereof; and section 1 of chapter 187 of the acts of the seventeenth  
3 general assembly is amended by striking therefrom all after the word “day,” in the ninth  
4 line thereof; section 12 of chapter 43 of the general and public laws of the fourteenth general  
5 assembly is hereby repealed.

SEC. 4. This act being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in force  
2 from and after its publication in the *Iowa State Register* and *Iowa State Journal*, newspapers  
3 published at the seat of government.

MR. SPEAKER:

The committee to whom was referred house file No. 305 beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and report the same back to the house with the recommendation that the same do pass.

HENRY C. LAUB, *Chairman.*

HOUSE FILE NO. 305.]

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