

ishments", sub-title, "The Department of Welfare", so as to provide that a prisoner in a State Penal Institution may receive diminution of his period of confinement for exceptional industry, skill and application to his duties in the Industrial, Agricultural or Administrative tasks assigned to him therein in addition to the diminution thereof now granted to him for good behavior during the period of his confinement.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 683 of Article 27 of Bagby's Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title, "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title, "The Department of Welfare" be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows:*

683. Each prisoner in any of said institutions shall be entitled to a diminution of the period of his confinement under the following rules and regulations:

(1) For each calendar month commencing on the first day of the month next after his arrival at the institution, during which he shall not be guilty of a violation of the discipline or any of the rules thereof and shall labor with diligence and fidelity, he shall be allowed a deduction of five days from each month of the period of the commitment or sentence.

(2) For each calendar month commencing on the first day of the sixth month next after his arrival at the institution, during which under such regulations as shall be established by the Board of Welfare he shall be deemed to have manifested exceptional industry, application and skill in the performance of industrial, agricultural or administrative tasks assigned to him, he may, in the discretion of the Board of Welfare, be allowed an additional deduction of five more days from each month of the period of his commitment or sentence.

(3) For each and every violation of the rules and discipline of the institution, or want of fidelity or care in the performance of work, the person therein confined shall not only forfeit all gained time in the month in which such delinquency occurs, but, according to the aggravated nature or frequency of his offense, the Board may deduct a portion of all his gained time for good conduct under sub-section (1) of this section but the deduction allowed and earned under sub-section (2) hereof shall not be affected thereby.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1st, 1937.*

Approved May 18, 1937.