

sub-title "Department of Correction", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

770. 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 month next after his arrival at the institution, during which under such regulations as shall be established by the Board of Correction 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 Correction, be allowed an additional deduction of five more days from each month of the period of his commitment or sentence. This subsection, as now amended, shall not be construed to authorize any additional deduction because of work performed before June 1, 1943, and all deductions for conduct and industry prior to that date shall be governed by this section as it read prior to the passage of this Act.

(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 1, 1943.

Approved February 17, 1943.

CHAPTER 17.

(Senate Bill 31)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 75 of Article 75 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Pleadings, Practice and Process at Law",