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Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 994

BY REPRESENTATIVE LOPINTO

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:571.3(B)(1)(a), relative to diminution of sentence for good behavior; to change the rate that diminution of sentence is calculated for certain offenders; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 15:571.3(B)(1)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§571.3. Diminution of sentence for good behavior

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B.(1)(a) Unless otherwise prohibited, every inmate in the custody of the department who has been convicted of a felony, except an inmate convicted a second time of a crime of violence as defined by R.S. 14:2(B), and sentenced to imprisonment for a stated number of years or months, may earn, in lieu of incentive wages, a diminution of sentence by good behavior and performance of work or self-improvement activities, or both, to be known as "good time". Those inmates serving life sentences will be credited with good time earned which will be applied toward diminution of their sentences at such time as the life sentences might be commuted to a specific number of years. The secretary shall establish regulations for awarding and recording of good time and shall determine when good time has been earned toward diminution of sentence. The amount of diminution of sentence allowed under the provisions of this Section shall be at the rate of ~~thirty-five days for every thirty days~~ <u>one and one half-day for every one day</u> in actual custody served on the imposed sentence, including time spent in custody with good behavior prior to

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sentencing for the particular sentence imposed as authorized by the provisions of Code of Criminal Procedure Article 880.

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Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall only apply to those persons sentenced on or after August 1, 2012.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____

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