
Accompanying the second recommendation of the Department of Correction (House, No. 37). Public Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Seven.

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE REDUCTION IN SENTENCE FOR PRISONERS WHO DONATE BLOOD TO CERTAIN CAUSES MAY BE MADE AT ANY TIME WITHIN THE YEAR PERIOD.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 129A of chapter 127 of the General Laws, as inserted
2 by chapter 224 of the acts of 1959, and as most recently
3 amended by chapter 217 of the acts of 1965, is hereby further
4 amended by striking out the third sentence and inserting in
5 place thereof the following sentence:—Each prisoner serving
6 one year or more shall be limited to four donations within a year
7 and a reduction of sentence for that period of not more than
8 twenty days, prisoners serving a sentence of thirty days or more
9 and less than one year shall be limited to one donation every
10 three months of their sentence. ,—so as to read as follows:—*Sec-*
11 *tion 129A.* A prisoner of any correctional institution of the com-
12 monwealth or of any jail or house of correction whose term
13 of imprisonment is thirty days or more may have his sentence
14 reduced by five days for each pint of blood donated by him
15 to any veterans' organization, civil defense unit, or hospital,
16 or to the armed forces of the United States, or the Red Cross,
17 or for the purpose of scientific research. Such reduction of
18 sentence shall be applicable to the minimum sentence of the
19 prisoner. Each prisoner serving one year or more shall be limited
20 to four donations within a year and a reduction of sentence

21 for that period of not more than twenty days, prisoners serving
22 a sentence of thirty days or more and less than one year shall
23 be limited to one donation every three months of their sentence.
24 Any reduction of sentence so earned shall not be subject to
25 forfeiture. The blood so donated shall not be used in any way
26 commercially or for a profit. A list of all such blood donors and
27 the amounts of blood donated by each shall be kept by the su-
28 perintendent of the correctional institution, or the keeper or
29 master of the jail or house of correction. The keeper of a jail or
30 house of correction in Suffolk county shall forward such list to
31 the penal institutions commissioner of the city of Boston; the
32 keeper of a jail or house of correction in any other county shall
33 forward such list to the county commissioners.