


LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

**CERTIFICATE OF ENACTMENT
NOTWITHSTANDING THE GOVERNOR'S VETO**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT, Bill No. 31-0074-An Act to allow for sentence reduction for successful completion of academic or vocational training while imprisoned, enacted by the Thirty-first Legislature at its regular session held on May 21, 2015, (a copy of which is attached hereto) and vetoed by the Governor on June 12, 2015, was duly enacted, by override, by the Thirty-first Legislature at its regular session on July 30, 2015, pursuant to section 9(d) of the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands, 48 U.S.C. §1575 (d), notwithstanding the Governor's veto and has become law.


DATED: 7/31/15



Neville James
President



ATTEST:



Myron D. Jackson
Legislative Secretary

OVERRIDDEN
DATE: 07/30/2015

ACT NO. 7741

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BILL NO. 31-0074

GOVERNOR

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Regular Session

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. Title 5 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 405, section 4571 is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and adding subsection (b) that reads as follows:

(b) A person convicted and sentenced to confinement for more than one year shall receive a reduction of sentence as follows:

(1)(A) If the person has not graduated from an accredited high school and obtained a high school diploma or has not obtained a General Educational Development Certificate (GED) before being confined, upon successful completion of a GED while confined, evidenced by a certificate from a recognized GED program, the person's sentence must be reduced by three months.

(B) For obtaining a two year degree (Associate Degree) from an accredited college or university the person's sentence must be reduced by six months.

(C) For obtaining a four-year degree (Bachelors Degree) from an accredited college or university the person's sentence must be reduced by twelve months'.

(D) For completion of drug and rehabilitation programs offered by the confining institution his sentence shall be reduced by three weeks'.

(E) For a technical or vocational certificate from a recognized institution approved by the confining institution his sentence may be reduced for not more than eight months at the discretion of the institution and approval of the parole board.

(F) A person confined to an institution by a court of the Virgin Islands for ten years or more and the person has worked outside of the institution performing duties for a government department or agency for more than one year and has no administrative infractions outside of the institution or disciplinary charges inside of the institution, may be reduced for not more than six months at the discretion of the institution and approval of the parole board.

(2) The reductions in sentence under this subsection are separate and apart from those in subsection (a) and once earned, may not be forfeited except for the commission of a noted disciplinary infraction while confined."

Thus passed by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands on May 21, 2015.

21st Witness our Hands and Seal of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands this Day of May, AD., 2015.



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