

CHAPTER 835

S.B. No. 1167

An Act relating to the forfeiture and award of good conduct time by the director of the Texas Department of Corrections and to eligibility for trusty; amending the Revised Statutes, as amended, by amending Section 4 of Article 6181-1 and repealing Article 6184f.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

**SECTION 1.** Section 4 of Article 6181-1, Revised Statutes, as added, is amended to read as follows:

“Section 4. Good conduct time applies only to eligibility for parole or mandatory supervision as provided in Section 15, Article 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, 1965, as amended, and shall not otherwise affect the inmate’s term. Good conduct time is a privilege and not a right. Consequently, if during the actual term of imprisonment in the department, an inmate commits an offense or violates a rule of the department, all or any part of his accrued good conduct time may be forfeited by the director. The director may, however, in his discretion, restore good conduct time forfeited under such circumstances subject to rules and policies to be promulgated by the department. Upon revocation of parole or mandatory supervision, the inmate loses all good conduct time previously accrued, but upon return to the department may accrue new good conduct time for subsequent time served in the department. *The director may, however, restore good conduct time forfeited upon revocations not involving new criminal*

*convictions after an inmate has served a reasonable period of good behavior in the department, to be no less than three months, subject to rules and policies promulgated by the department. Within 60 days after the inmate's return to the department, the Board of Pardons and Paroles shall notify the director of the grounds for revocations."*

**SECTION 2.** Article 6184f, Revised Statutes, is repealed.

**SECTION 3.** The change in law made by this Act applies to credit awarded for good conduct and participation in programs during time served before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.

**SECTION 4.** The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate on April 16, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 1; passed the House on May 25, 1985, by a non-record vote.

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