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1919.

INTRODUCED BY MR. J. A. WALKER, MARCH 17, 1919.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY GENERAL,
MARCH 18, 1919.

AN ACT

To amend section six of the act approved the nineteenth day of June one thousand nine hundred eleven (Pamphlet Laws one thousand fifty-five) entitled "An act authorizing the release on probation of certain convicts instead of imposing sentences the appointment of probation and parole officers and the payment of their salaries and expenses regulating the manner of sentencing convicts in certain cases and providing for their release on parole their conviction of crime during parole and their rearrest and reconviction for breach of parole and extending the powers and duties of boards of prison inspectors of penitentiaries"

1 Section 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-*
2 *sentatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly*
3 *met and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same That*
4 *section six of the act approved the nineteenth day of*
5 *June one thousand nine hundred eleven (Pamphlet Laws*
6 *one thousand fifty-five) entitled "An act authorizing the*

1 release on probation of certain convicts instead of impos-
2 ing sentences the appointment of probation and parole
3 officers and the payment of their salaries and expenses
4 regulating the manner of sentencing convicts in certain
5 cases and providing for their release on parole their
6 conviction of crime during parole and their rearrest and
7 reconviction for breach of parole and extending the pow-
8 ers and duties of boards of prison inspectors of peni-
9 tentiaries" which reads as follows

10 "Section 6 Whenever any person convicted in any
11 court of this Commonwealth of any crime shall be
12 sentenced to imprisonment in any penitentiary of the State
13 the court instead of pronouncing upon such convict a de-
14 finite or fixed term of imprisonment shall pronounce upon
15 such convict a sentence of imprisonment for an indefinite
16 term stating in such sentence, the minimum and maximum
17 limits thereof and the minimum limit shall never exceed
18 the maximum time now or hereafter prescribed as a
19 penalty for such offense Provided That no person sentenced
20 for an indeterminate term shall be entitled to any bene-
21 fits under the act entitled 'An act providing for the
22 commutation of sentences for good behavior of convicts in
23 prisons penitentiaries workhouses and county jails in this
24 State and regulations governing the same' approved the
25 eleventh day of May Anno Domini one thousand nine
26 hundred and one" is hereby amended to read as follows

27 Section 6 Whenever any person convicted in any court
28 of this Commonwealth of any crime shall be sentenced
29 to imprisonment in any penitentiary of this State the

1 court instead of pronouncing upon such convict a definite
2 or fixed term of imprisonment shall pronounce upon such
3 convict a sentence of imprisonment for an indefinite term
4 stating in such sentence the minimum and maximum limits
5 thereof and the maximum limit thereof shall never exceed
6 the maximum time now or hereafter prescribed as a pen-
7 alty for such offense and except in cases of conviction
8 for murder administering poison kidnapping incest sodomy
9 buggery rape assault and battery with intent to ravish
10 arson robbery or burglary the minimum limit shall never
11 exceed one-third of the maximum sentence prescribed by
12 any court and any convict in the State penitentiaries
13 who is now serving under a sentence or sentences im-
14 posed after the thirtieth day of June one thousand nine
15 hundred and eleven may if not convicted of any of the
16 aforsaid crimes when he or she shall have served one-
17 third of such maximum sentence or sentences be eligible
18 to parole under the provisions and subject to the con-
19 ditions of the act to which this is an amendment And
20 provided further That no person sentenced for an in-
21 determinate term shall be entitled to any benefits under
22 the act entitled "An act providing for the commutation
23 of sentences for good behavior of convicts in prisons
24 penitentiaries workhouses and county jails in this State
25 and regulations governing the same" approved the eleventh
26 day of May one thousand nine hundred and one