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## MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCING

The rule regarding the calculation of time for prisoners convicted of misdemeanor/s serving a sentence of 12 months or less when a mandatory minimum sentence has been imposed is set forth by §53.1-116, and the procedure clarified in an official opinion by the Office of the Attorney General, which may be accessed from <http://www.scb.virginia.gov/LIDSinformation/Mandatory%20Minimum%20Sentence.pdf>

Any offender receiving a mandatory minimum sentence must serve the mandatory portion of the sentence in its entirety before being eligible to receive good conduct credit on the remaining sentence.

Example: An offender is found guilty of a misdemeanor and sentenced to 60 days in jail, to serve no less than 20 days. The offender would be required to serve the 20 days in full, and the remaining time to serve would be calculated by subtracting the mandatory time (20 days) from the total sentence length (60 days), and dividing the remaining sentence in half (providing that the offender is receiving the full good conduct credit of one day for each day served.)

## REMINDERS & UPDATES

- ◆ Unfortunately, current state budget restraints will prevent the hosting of a 2009 LIDS Conference.
- ◆ LIDS Certification & Approval Due Date is 04/13/2009
- ◆ Registration for the June 18th LIDS Audit Prep Training is closed. This session is full.
- ◆ Effective April 1st, auditors will be reviewing LIDS Tech monthly JCB Reconciliation. LIDS Techs should be sure to save their JCB Reconciliation.
- ◆ Sharing of LIDS Logon ID's is a security breach and should not be done. Effective April 1st any sharing of logons discovered during an audit will be considered an audit finding.