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AN ACT

entitled

Criminal Justice (Sentences) Act 1986,

Being an Act to provide that time spent in custody before sentence for a criminal offence be deducted from any sentence of imprisonment imposed in respect of that criminal offence.

1. INTERPRETATION.

In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears—

“**judicial officer**” means a Judge or Magistrate of a court within the National Judicial System (other than a magistrate or member of a village court) in his capacity as such.

2. APPLICATION.

This Act applies to all courts in the National Judicial System as specified in Section 155(1) (*The National Judicial System*) of the Constitution.

3. LENGTH OF SENTENCES.

(1) A sentence imposed by a court in the National Judicial System shall take effect from the beginning of the day on which it is imposed, unless a law otherwise provides.

(2) There may be deducted from the length or any term of imprisonment imposed by the sentence of any court any period before the sentence was imposed during which the offender was in custody in connection with the offence for which the sentence was imposed.

4. PERSON IMPOSING SENTENCE TO SPECIFY LENGTH OF SENTENCE, ETC.

At the time of imposing a sentence in any court in the National Judicial System, the judicial officer imposing the sentence shall specify—

- (a) the length of the sentence imposed; and
- (b) the length of any period to be deducted from the sentence under Section 3(2); and
- (c) the resultant length of the sentence to be served.

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