

ACT no. 98/2021

amendment of the Sentences Act no. 15/2016 (community service and conditional release).

THE PRESIDENT OF ICELAND

*makes known: Althingi has accepted this act and I confirm it with my consent.*

Article 1

Two new provisional clauses are added to the act, reading as follows:

a. (IV)

Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 37, para 1, item 1, a sentence may be served with unpaid community service, not less than 40 hours and not more than 960 hours, in instances when a person has been sentenced to up to 24 months of unsuspended imprisonment and public interests do not oppose this.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 37, para 2, in instances of a part of a sentence of imprisonment being suspended that the unsuspended part of the sentence of imprisonment may be served with community service even though the total penalty according to the sentence is longer than 24 months.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 37, para 3, serving a sentence of imprisonment consisting of more than one sentence, with community service, however, the total penalty may not be longer than 24 months.

This provision applies to all sentences rendered before the entry-into-force of this act and are already with the Prison and Probation Administration for serving, as well as to all sentences received by the institution before 1 July 2024.

This provision becomes invalid as of 1 July 2024.

b. (V)

If the penalty of a prisoner is an up to 90 days unsuspended sentence the prisoner may be allowed probation five (5) days before such probation would otherwise be granted. If the penalty of a prisoner is longer than a 90 days unsuspended sentence granting a prisoner probation ten (10) days before probation would otherwise be granted.

This provision applies to all sentences that have been rendered prior to the entry-into-force of this act and are already with the Prison and Probation Administration for serving, as well as to all judgments received by the institution before 1 July 2024.

This provision becomes invalid as of 1 July 2024.

Article 2

This act enters into force immediately.