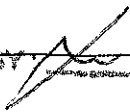


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EXPLANATORY NOTE


Article 97 of the Revised Penal Code, which provides for the allowance for good conduct, recognizes the ability of prisoners to reform while serving their sentences. This reduction of sentence is in consideration of the good conduct and diligence of a prisoner who does not violate the code of discipline or prison rules, and has shown fidelity to the tasks given to him while serving sentence.

It is, however, unfortunate that under our present laws, prisoners are not entitled to good conduct allowance while their cases are on appeal. This Rule either discourages prisoners from complying with prison rules or withdraw their appeals to qualify for good conduct allowance.

This bill seeks to remedy the situation by amending Article 97 of the Revised Penal Code and allows inmates, even with appealed cases, to qualify for good conduct allowances.

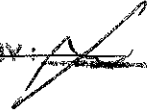
The early passage of this legislative measure is earnestly requested.

This bill was originally filed by Sen. Aquilino Q. Pimentel, Jr. during the Fourteenth Congress.


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1 AN ACT
2 AMENDING ARTICLE 97 OF ACT NO 3815, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
3 THE REVISED PENAL CODE

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

4 SECTION 1. Article 97 of the Revised Penal Code *is* hereby amended to read as follows:

5 Article 97. Allowance for good conduct. - The good conduct of any prisoner in
6 any penal institution shall entitle him to the following deductions from the period
7 of his sentence:

8 1. During the first two years of his imprisonment, he shall be allowed a deduction
9 of five days for each month of good behavior;

10 2. During the third to the fifth year, inclusive, of his imprisonment, he shall be
11 allowed a deduction of eight days for each month of good behavior;

12 3. During the following years until the tenth year, inclusive, of his imprisonment,
13 he shall be allowed a deduction of ten days for each month of good behavior; and

14 4. During the eleventh and successive years of his imprisonment, he shall be
15 allowed a deduction of fifteen days for each month of good behavior. AN

16 APPEAL BY THE ACCUSED SHALL NOT DEPRIVE HIM OF
17 ENTITLEMENT TO THE ABOVE ALLOWANCES FOR GOOD CONDUCT.

18 SECTION 2. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* The Department of Justice shall issue
19 the rules and regulations of this Act within thirty (30) days after its effectivity.

1 SECTION 3. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid or
2 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain
3 valid and subsisting.

4 SECTION 4. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
5 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or is inconsistent
6 with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

7 SECTION 5. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
8 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,