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S.B. No. 993

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Introduced by **SENATORS VICENTE C. SOTTO III, PANFILO M. LACSON,**
RICHARD J. GORDON

AN ACT
REPEALING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10592, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN
ACT AMENDING ARTICLES 29,94, 97, 98 AND 99 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS
AMENDED

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Law is always changing. It is usually reactive to what the society dictates, and it constantly reflects changes that occurs in our society. Because a law is simply never perfect.

The implementation of Republic Act No. 10592, otherwise known as "An Act Amending Articles 29,94, 97, 98 and 99 of Act No. 3815, As Amended;" although enacted into law on May 29, 2013, has been put to the test by reason of the possible release of former Calauan, Laguna Mayor Antonio Sanchez who has been sentenced to suffer the maximum penalty of seven (7) counts of *reclusion perpetua* for the crime of rape with homicide in one of the most sensational crimes in the 1990s. This has created a public outrage and prompted this august body to look into the propriety of its application to the aforesaid prisoner, as well as the implementation of RA 10592 in general.

Based on the legislative history of Senate Bill 3064, the bill which became the basis of RA 10592, the intention of its framers is primarily to grant good conduct allowance to persons deprived of liberty while their case is still pending. However, when it was enacted into law, it caused an absurd interpretation; and its very provisions needed harmonization. Furthermore,

it has been subject to abuse by the persons allowed by law to grant time allowances.

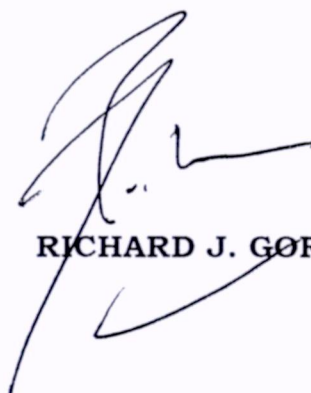
While the purpose of granting good conduct time allowance (GCTA) is laudable in decongesting the overpopulated prison cells, it may give more logical reason to abandon such purpose if the magnitudes of its aftermath are prejudicial for many of the victims and their relatives who are seeking justice.

The provision on GCTA has been in effect since the 1930s and it has not raised this kind of concern from the people and the government. Thus, it is an opportune time to go back to the old law where no question of proper implementation has been put forth to the government, and prisoners are enjoying its benefits without a question of the propriety of its applicability on them.

Thus, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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

1 SECTION 1. Republic Act No. 10592, otherwise known as "An Act
2 Amending Articles 29,94, 97, 98 and 99 of Act No. 3815, As Amended," is
3 hereby repealed.

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5 SEC. 2. **Repealing Clause.** – All laws, decrees, orders, and issuances,
6 or portions thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act,
7 are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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9 SEC. 3. **Effectivity Clause.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)
10 days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of
11 general circulation.

Approved,