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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The life of a prisoner serving sentence inside a jailhouse can be very frustrating and unproductive. For lack of better things to do, some prisoners engage in violent acts.

This bill provides rendition of community service in lieu of detention for prisoners who are serving or imposed sentence ranging from one day to six months and those with remaining six months or less to serve.

The measure provides for the creation of Community Work Camps so that these individuals can take an active role in the development of our communities and in the protection and rehabilitation of our environment through tree planting, building artificial reefs, participating in demonstration farm projects or other livelihood projects.


The passage of this bill will also help decongest jails and provide for a preparatory rehabilitation phase for prisoners before they rejoin society.

In view of the foregoing reasons, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR RENDITION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE IN LIEU OF  
DETENTION TO SERVE SENTENCE, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE  
COMMUNITY WORK CAMPS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. The penalties of aresto mayor and aresto menor shall be executed  
and served by the rendition of community service.

For purposes of this Act, community service shall include tree planting, building  
artificial reefs, participating in demonstration farm projects or other livelihood projects  
and environmental rehabilitation projects which are part of the program designated in  
compliance of this measure.

SEC. 2. Persons who are sentenced by the courts to a prison term of not more  
than six (6) months and prisoners who have a remaining six (6) months or less to serve  
sentence shall, upon the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior and Local  
Government in consultation with the Chief of the Bureau of Jail Management and  
Penology in the case of municipal, city and provincial prisoners or Secretary of Justice  
in consultation with the Director of the Bureau of Corrections, serve or continue to serve  
the same by rendering community services.

SEC. 3. Prisoners rendering community services as provided in this Act shall  
stay in Community Work Camps which shall be established in pursuant hereof

depending on their good behavior and performance, a part of the sentence can be reduced based on guidelines to be formulated under Section 4 of this Act.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of Justice in coordination with the Supreme Court and the Department of the Interior and Local Government, Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources and National Defense shall issue, the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 5. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations for the Department of Justice or the Department of the Interior and Local Government as the case may be under the current general Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for its continued implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The expenses for the community projects will be provided by the line department involved.

SEC. 6. All laws, decrees, orders, rules or regulations, other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,