

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 4 RECEIVED BY 

Submitted by the Committee on Justice and Human Rights on SEP 26 2007

Re: Senate Bill No. 1647 prepared by the Committee

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 115 and 271

Sponsors: Senators Escudero and Pimentel Jr.

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on Justice and Human Rights to which were referred Senate Bill No. 115, introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr., entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING MANDATORY GOOD CONDUCT ALLOWANCE TO PRISONERS WHO PARTICIPATE IN LITERACY, SKILLS AND VALUES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS IN PENAL INSTITUTIONS”

Senate Bill No. 271, introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr., entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 97 OF ACT NO. 3815, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE”

has considered the bills and have the honor to report them back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached bill, Senate Bill No. 1647, prepared by the Committee, entitled:

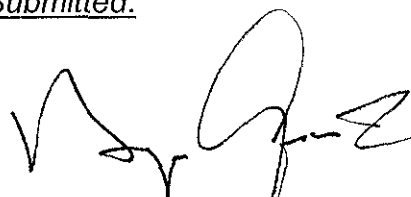
“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR GOOD CONDUCT ^{TIME} ALLOWANCE (GCTA) TO DETENTION PRISONERS AND THOSE SERVING SENTENCE BY VIRTUE OF FINAL JUDGEMENT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

be approved in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 115 and 271 with Senators Pimentel Jr. and Escudero as authors thereof.

Respectfully Submitted:



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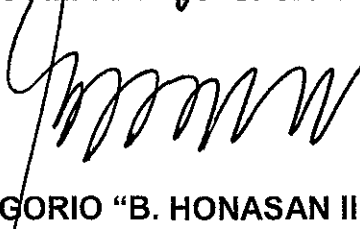
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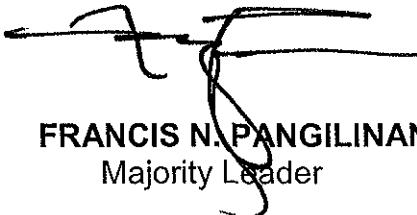

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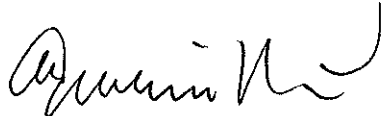

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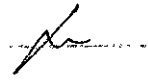
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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR GOOD CONDUCT TIME ALLOWANCES (GCTA) TO
DETENTION PRISONERS AND THOSE SERVING SENTENCE BY VIRTUE OF
FINAL JUDGMENT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

1 **SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy.** - It is the policy of the State to
2 promote the correction and rehabilitation of detention prisoners and those
3 serving sentence by virtue of final judgment and provide an opportunity for
4 their reformation by giving them free education in order to develop their skills,
5 strengthen their moral values, facilitate integration into the mainstream of
6 society and to uplift and redeem valuable human material so as to prevent
7 unnecessary and excessive deprivation of personal liberty and economic
8 usefulness. Towards this end, for their good behavior, there is a need to grant
9 good conduct time allowances (GCTA) to detention prisoners (while being
10 detained and awaiting trial) and those prisoners serving sentence by virtue of
11 final judgment.

12 **SEC. 2. Allowance for Good Conduct.** - For their good behavior,
13 detention prisoners and those serving sentence by virtue of final judgment
14 shall be allowed a deduction of fifteen (15) days for every month of good
15 conduct.

16 **SEC. 3. Allowance for Study Time.** - In addition to the good
17 conduct time allowances (GCTA) provided in the preceding section, detention
18 prisoners and those serving sentence by virtue of final judgment who shall earn

1 or make satisfactory progress towards earning a post graduate or a college
2 degree or a certificate of completion of a vocational or skills or values
3 development course or a high school diploma or an elementary grades
4 certificate shall also be allowed a deduction of fifteen (15) days for every month
5 of study time or mentoring service rendered to fellow prisoners.

6 The additional privilege under this Act shall likewise apply to prisoners
7 who are rendering teaching services to their fellow inmates.

8 **SEC. 4. Prison Officials Authorized to Qualify Prisoners to the Grant**
9 **of Additional Allowance Under this Act.** - The Director of the National
10 Bureau of Prisons, Chief of the Bureau of Jail and Management Penology
11 (BJMP), Wardens of various provincial, cities and municipalities, shall be
12 authorized to assess, evaluate and grant good conduct time allowances for
13 detention prisoners and those serving sentence by virtue of final judgment.

14 **SECTION 5. Additional Allowance to Detention Prisoners and those**
15 **Serving Sentence by Virtue of a Final Judgment.** The time allowances
16 provided for under this Act shall be those in addition to those that are already
17 being granted under existing rules and regulations.

18 **SEC. 6. Grant of Allowance Pending Appeal.** - An appeal by the
19 accused shall not deprive him of entitlements to the above allowances for good
20 conduct.

21 **SECTION 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - The Secretary
22 of the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Secretary of the Department of
23 Interior and Local Government (DILG) shall, within sixty (60) days from the
24 approval of this Act, promulgate rules and regulations on the classification
25 system for good conduct time allowances as may be necessary to implement
26 the provision of this Act.

1 **SECTION 8. Separability Clause.** In case any provision hereof is
2 declared unconstitutional the other provisions not so declared and affected
3 shall remain in force and effect.

4 **SECTION. 9. Repealing Clause.** All laws, rules and regulations, or
5 parts thereof, which are contrary to or are inconsistent with this Act are hereby
6 repealed or amended accordingly.

7 **SECTION 10. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15)
8 days from its publication in three national newspaper of general circulation.

9 Approved,