

SENATE

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 240

Submitted by the Committee on Justice and Human Rights on DEC 17 2008  
Re: Senate Bill No. 2077

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill No. 1770.

Sponsors: Senator Escudero.

**MR. PRESIDENT:**

The Committees on Justice and Human Rights to which was referred Senate Bill No. 1770, introduced by Sen. Defensor Santiago, entitled:

**“AN ACT  
AMENDING ACT NO. 3815, ALSO KNOWN AS THE PENAL CODE,  
ARTICLE 98 ON SPECIAL TIME ALLOWANCE FOR LOYALTY”**

has considered the same and has the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached bill, Senate Bill No. 2077, prepared by the Committee, entitled:

**“AN ACT  
AMENDING ARTICLE 98 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED,  
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE”**

be approved in substitution of Senate Bill No. 1770 with Senators Defensor Santiago and Escudero as authors thereof.

Respectfully Submitted:



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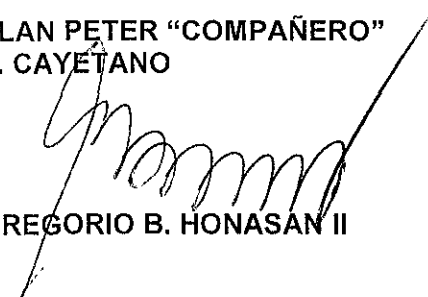
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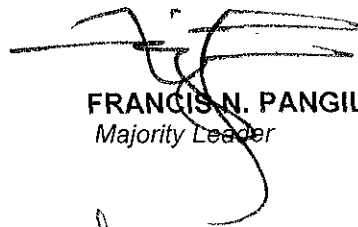


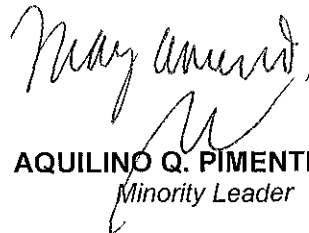
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AN ACT  
AMENDING ARTICLE 98 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE  
KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE

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

1 SECTION 1. Art. 98 of Act No. 3815, as amended, otherwise known as the  
2 Revised Penal Code, is hereby further amended to read as follows:  
3 Art. 98. *Special time allowance for loyalty.* - A deduction of one  
4 fifth of the period of his sentence shall be granted to any prisoner who,  
5 having evaded the service of his sentence under the circumstances mentioned  
6 in Article 158 of this Code, gives himself up to the authorities within 48 hours  
7 following the issuance of a proclamation announcing the passing away of the  
8 calamity or catastrophe referred to in said article. A DEDUCTION OF TWO  
9 FIFTHS OF THE PERIOD OF HIS SENTENCE SHALL BE GRANTED IN  
10 CASE SAID PRISONER CHOSE TO STAY IN THE PLACE OF HIS

1            CONFINEMENT NOTWITHSTANDING THE EXISTENCE OF A  
2            CALAMITY OR CATASTROPHE ENUMERATED IN ARTICLE 158 OF THIS  
3            CODE.

4            SEC. 2. *Repealing Clause.* - Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive  
5            order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or  
6            inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended  
7            accordingly.

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

11           Approved,