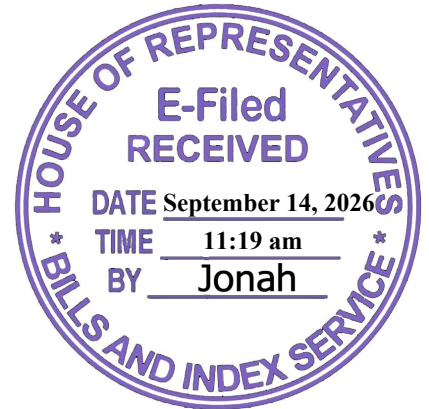


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish clear and objective conditions for the grant of Good Conduct Time Allowance (GCTA). It further amends Article 97 of Act No. 3815, otherwise known as the "*Revised Penal Code*", as amended by Republic Act (RA) No. 10592, to strengthen the administration of sentence credits while preserving GCTA as an incentive for genuine rehabilitation.

RA 10592 recognizes good conduct as a basis for reducing the period of imprisonment and encourages persons deprived of liberty to reform while serving their sentences. However, the lack of uniform standards to determine whether an inmate has earned sentence credits often lead to inconsistent assessments, which undermines the confidence in the fair and accountable administration of the GCTA.

The proposed measure establishes the standard for determining good conduct based on an inmate's demonstrated conduct and participation in rehabilitation, productive activities, restorative efforts, and institutional discipline. It recognizes that sentence reduction must be administered with due regard to the gravity of the offense, public safety, and the interests of victims and their families. Thus, it retains the GCTA for offenders who demonstrate meaningful compliance toward rehabilitation; and excludes persons convicted of heinous crimes.

A credible correctional system must encourage reform without weakening accountability. This vital piece of legislation shall ensure that sentence credits are granted on the basis of demonstrable conduct rather than inconsistent standards. It therefore reinforces the integrity of the correctional system, recognizes genuine rehabilitation, and protects public confidence in the administration of criminal justice.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
DEFINING GOOD CONDUCT AND PROVIDING CONDITIONS FOR THE
GRANT OF GOOD CONDUCT TIME ALLOWANCE, FURTHER AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 97 OF ACT NO. 3815, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
THE "REVISED PENAL CODE", AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10592

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

Section 1. Article 97 of Act No. 3815, otherwise known as the "*Revised Penal Code*", as amended by Republic Act No. 10592, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"ART. 97. Allowance for good conduct. – **GOOD CONDUCT REFERS TO THE CONSPICIOUS AND SATISFACTORY BEHAVIOR OF A DETAINEE OR CONVICTED PRISONER, CONSISTING OF ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT IN REHABILITATION PROGRAMS WHICH INCLUDE ADOPTION OF RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AMONG OTHERS, PRODUCTIVE PARTICIPATION IN AUTHORIZED WORK ACTIVITIES OR ACCOMPLISHMENT OF EXEMPLARY DEEDS, OWNERSHIP OF THE CRIME AND EARNEST EFFORTS TO SEEK FORGIVENESS FROM THE VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND EXEMPLARY COMPLIANCE WITH INSTITUTIONAL DISCIPLINARY RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

"IN THE EVALUATION AND CREDIT OF GOOD CONDUCT TIME ALLOWANCE, OBJECTIVE AND QUANTITATIVE CRITERIA SHALL BE FORMULATED BY THE SECRETARY OF JUSTICE WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS FROM THE APPROVAL OF THIS ACT. THE CRITERIA SHALL BE USED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF CORRECTIONS, THE CHIEF OF THE BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY AND/OR THE WARDEN OF A PROVINCIAL, DISTRICT, MUNICIPAL OR CITY JAIL IN GRANTING

ALLOWANCES FOR GOOD CONDUCT.

“The good conduct of any offender qualified for credit for preventive imprisonment pursuant to Article 29 of this Code, or of any convicted prisoner in any penal institution, rehabilitation or detention center or any other local jail shall entitle him to the following deductions from the period of his sentence:

“1. During the first two (2) years of imprisonment, he shall be allowed a deduction of twenty (20) days for each month of good behavior during detention;

“2. During the third to the fifth year, inclusive, of his imprisonment, he shall be allowed a deduction of twenty-three (23) days for each month of good behavior during detention;

“3. During the following years until the tenth year, inclusive, of his imprisonment, he shall be allowed a deduction of twenty-five (25) days for each month of good behavior during detention;

“4. During the eleventh and successive years of his imprisonment, he shall be allowed a deduction of thirty (30) days for each month of good behavior during detention; and

“5. At any time during the period of imprisonment, he shall be allowed another deduction of fifteen (15) days, in addition to numbers one (1) to four (4) hereof, for each month of study, teaching or mentoring services time rendered.

“An appeal by the accused shall not deprive him of entitlement to the above allowances for good conduct.”

SEC. 2. *Exemption.* – Persons convicted of heinous crimes as defined in Republic Act No. 7659, entitled “*An Act to Impose the Death Penalty on Certain Heinous Crimes, Amending for that Purpose the Revised Penal Laws, As Amended, Other Special Penal Laws, And For Other Purposes*”, as amended, are not entitled to the benefits of this Act.

SEC. 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Secretary of Justice shall, within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 4. *Separability Clause.* – If any part, section, or provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, rules, and regulations or

parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 6. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,