




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Introduced by **SENATOR VICENTE C. SOTTO** RECEIVED BY 

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS; CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, REVISION OF CODES AND LAWS; AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO REVIEW, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER 10592 ON GOOD CONDUCT TIME ALLOWANCE (GCTA) WITH THE END IN VIEW OF AMENDING THE SAME IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THOSE PRISONERS WHO TRULY DESERVE THE LAW'S BENEFITS SHALL BE GRANTED OF THE SAME

WHEREAS, Republic Act Number 10592, which expanded the application of good conduct time allowance (GCTA) for prisoners even during preventive imprisonment and increased the number of days that may be credited for good conduct, was enacted into law on May 29, 2013;

WHEREAS, the GCTA recognizes the ability of prisoners to reform while serving their sentences, and its purpose is to reward the inmates of their good conduct and exemplary behavior during their incarceration;

WHEREAS, RA 10592's implementation is now being 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 – which is one of the most sensational crimes of the 1990s;

WHEREAS, former Mayor Sanchez's possible release from prison pursuant to RA 10592 is now being questioned, particularly on the correctness of the computation of the GCTA and the propriety of its application to the former mayor, to begin with – considering that in 2006, while serving his sentence, Antonio Sanchez was charged with illegal

possession of drugs; and in 2010, P1.5 million worth of shabu was found in his prison cell. These acts will not entitle Mayor Sanchez for GCTA as they are considered violation of prison rules, based on the Uniform Manual on Time Allowances and Service of Sentence;


WHEREAS, in this regard, the inclusion of a provision on the forfeiture of earned GCTA in cases of commission of a crime or any violation of law, and the conditions for entitlement to the privilege under the subject law must also be considered;

WHEREAS, by virtue of RA 10592, about 11,000 prisoners under the Bureau of Corrections will likewise be released – whether they committed light or grave felonies;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the law may be good and favorable especially to those poor criminals who were found guilty because they cannot afford private lawyers who can competently represent them; however, there are some who do not deserve to enjoy the benefits of this law but will receive it just the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, to direct the Senate Committees on Justice and Human Rights; Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws; and other appropriate Committees to review, in aid of legislation, the implementation of Republic Act Number 10592 on good conduct time allowance (GCTA) with the end in view of amending the same in order to ensure that those prisoners who truly deserve the law's benefits shall be granted of the same.

Adopted.


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