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House Resolution No. 280



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**Introduced by Representatives ERIC GO YAP**

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**RESOLUTION**

**URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON JUSTICE; REVISIONS OF LAW;  
AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO REVIEW, IN AID OF  
LEGISLATION, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT 10592 WITH THE  
END IN VIEW OF AMENDING THE SAME IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT  
THOSE PRISONERS WHO TRULY DESERVE TO BE THE BENEFICIARIES OF  
THE LAW SHALL BE GRANTED ACCORDINGLY**

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 10592, which expanded the application of the good conduct time allowance (GCTA) for the persons deprived of liberty (PDL), was enacted into law on May 29, 2013;

**WHEREAS**, the essence of the law is to recognize the ability of PDL to reform while serving their sentences, as they have exhibited good conduct;

**WHEREAS**, the new GCTA rule increases the number of days that may be credited for good conduct of PDL;

**WHEREAS**, by virtue of RA 10592, about 11,000 PDL under the Bureau of Corrections will be released within two months of its implementation, as the Supreme Court allowed the retroactive application of the law to all those convicted before its enactment in 2013;

**WHEREAS**, the implementation of RA 10592 is now being challenged by reason of the possible early 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 in 1993;


**WHEREAS**, the recomputation of the GCTA based on the supposed "good conduct" in the case of former Mayor Sanchez is now being questioned as he was reported for misdemeanors such as the possession of illegal drugs in his jail cell in 2010 and of prohibited luxuries like television, refrigerator, and air conditioning unit inside his cell in 2015;

**WHEREAS**, a strict review and careful recompilation of the law must be considered to ensure that those who will be released went through proper

rehabilitation and are ready to be reintegrated into the mainstream of society as reformed and productive citizens. More so, the severity of their crime and the definition of "good conduct" must also be regarded in the GCTA computation;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the House of Representatives of the Philippines, urging the House Committees on Justice; Revisions of Law; and other appropriate Committees to review, in aid of legislation, the implementation of Republic Act 10592 with the end in view of amending the same in order to ensure that those prisoners who truly deserve to be the beneficiaries of the law shall be granted accordingly.

Approved,



**ERIC GO YAP**  
**ACT - CIS PARTYLIST**