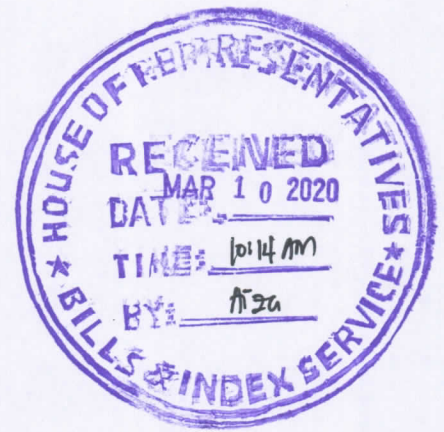


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

In the Philippines, being a sheriff primarily entails the job of serving all writs, executes all processes, and carries into effect all decisions and orders issued by our judicial courts.

To this relation, we must note that in *Manotoc v. Court of Appeals*¹, the Supreme Court ruled that [T]he Court's jurisdiction over a defendant is founded on a valid service of summons. Without a valid service, the court cannot acquire jurisdiction over the defendant. Proper service of summons is used to protect one's right to due process."

As an agent of justice, our sheriffs are the frontlines that implement the order of our courts. Truth be told, they are facing many challenges and difficulties in the discharge of their duties and responsibilities.

Their physical hardship and distress, especially in dealing with the strong amount of resistance from defendants on the implementation of demolition orders, puts their welfare and safety in a very challenging situation.

The grant of hazard pay for our sheriffs is our understanding of their plight. And for this reason, I enjoin my colleagues to support the swift approval of this measure.


JANETTE LORETO-GARIN, MD, MBA-H

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

1 Section 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the "*Hazard Pay to Court*
2 *Sheriffs Act of 2020*"

3 Sec 2. *Grant of Hazard Pay.* – The grant of Hazard Pay in the amount of Ten
4 Thousand Pesos (Php 10,000.00) shall be given to court sheriffs to effectively
5 discharge their prescribed roles and responsibilities.

6 Sec. 3. *Appropriations.* – The Office of the Court Administrator shall include in
7 the Judiciary's programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of the same to
8 be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

9 Sec. 4. *Implementation.* – The Supreme Court of the Philippines, in
10 consultation and coordination with appropriate and applicable courts, shall formulate,
11 identify, and, promulgate the implementing guidelines, rules and regulations,
12 necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

13 Sec. 5. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is declared
14 unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining parts or provisions thereof not affected shall
15 remain in full force and effect.

16 Sec. 5. *Repealing Clause.* – All other laws, decrees, orders, rules and
17 regulations, other issuances, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this
18 Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

19 Sec. 6. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
20 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

21 Approved,