



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 1219

BY REPRESENTATIVES ARROYO (D.), MACAPAGAL-ARROYO (G.),
MACAPAGAL-ARROYO (J.) AND PRIMICIAS-AGABAS

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 House of Representatives of the Philippines in
Congress assembled:*

1 SECTION 1. Article 98 of Act No. 3815, as amended, otherwise known
2 as the Revised Penal Code, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

3 "ART. 98. *Special time allowance for loyalty.* – A
4 deduction of one-fifth of the period of his sentence shall be
5 granted to any prisoner who, having evaded the service of his
6 sentence under the circumstances mentioned in article 158 of
7 this Code, gives himself up to the authorities within 48 hours
8 following the issuance of a proclamation announcing the
9 passing away of the calamity or catastrophe referred to in said
10 article. **A DEDUCTION OF TWO-FIFTHS OF THE PERIOD OF HIS**
11 **SENTENCE SHALL BE GRANTED IN CASE SAID PRISONER**
12 **CHOSE TO STAY IN THE PLACE OF HIS CONFINEMENT**
13 **NOTWITHSTANDING THE EXISTENCE OF A CALAMITY OR**

1 CATASTROPHE ENUMERATED IN ARTICLE 158 OF THIS
2 CODE.”

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5 contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed,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

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

 Approved,

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